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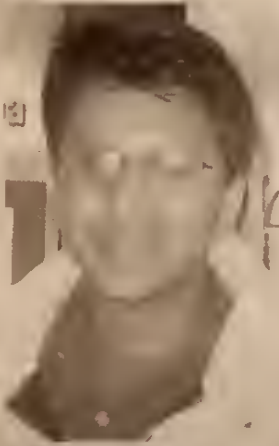
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## Board Report To Track Progress in Narrowing PRS Achievement Gap

Princeton Regional Schools Superintendent Judith A. Wilson was scheduled to present a report on "Narrowing the Achievement Gaps Among Students" at the Board of Education meeting last night (after Town Topics press time).

Last week, on Monday May 15, Ms. Wilson previewed the report at a meeting of the Minority Education Committee (MEC), that was attended by members of the Human Services Commission (HSC). The MEC was co-chaired by Ron Plummer and Maria Juega. Attending members of the HSC included Ron Chen, Yvonne Clark, Cynthia Mendez, and John Powell.

At that time, Ms. Wilson described research findings that point to the importance of timing and expectations when related to student achievement. "High quality early education matters," she

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## Township Enacts \$31 Million Budget

Princeton Township Committee passed its 2006 municipal budget Monday night, after lengthy talks related to joint-municipal funding for the Princeton Public Library, particularly concerning increases for book replacement.

The \$30.9-million budget indicates a 5.5-cent increase per \$100 of assessed property value in the Township. This translates into a \$238.33 jump for the average Township home valued at \$424,07, which means \$3,138 in municipal taxes per home.

Major increases in affordable housing — a reconstitution of affordable housing, and a \$308,000 increase in salaries and a \$222,000 increase in pensions — were responsible for the hike, according to Township Administrator James Pascale.

The passage of the municipal budget was preceded, however, by a lengthy extension of a joint-municipal budget hearing that began last Tuesday. A discussion about increasing the Princeton Public Library's operating budget

by \$145,000 provided a frustrating scenario for Library supporters opposing cuts to the institution as well as for some members of Township Committee who, when faced with a choice between a potential increase of 1 cent on the municipal operating budget, or bonding its \$100,000 share of the Library increase request to be paid off over time, wanted neither.

The Township will typically put certain projects — roads, infrastructure — to bond, but balked when faced with bonding the relatively short lifespan of a library book.

Should the Library, which put in a budget request of \$3.5 million for 2006, fall short of its aims, Library Director Leslie Burger said it would adversely impact the institution's book-buying capacity. Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand and Committeewoman Vicky Bergman pointed out that agencies across the board were feeling the effects of limited municipal funds.

Ms. Burger and Library Board of Trustees President Nancy Russell said the Library was being unfairly penalized for being successful: "We feel we are being punished

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## Two Democrats Explore Differences In Campaign for Primary Elections

For registered Princeton Township voters, the June 6 primary election is the closest to a traditional two-party election that they will experience this year. It will also mark the first time in six years that two candidates from

the same party, though with some contrasting values, will face off in a primary. With the Republican Party lacking a candidate this year as it attempts to reinvent itself, the only choice falls under the Democratic column.

In 2000, when Leonard E.A. Godfrey faced Michael Perna in the Democratic primary, Mr. Godfrey was the clear frontrunner and his expected victory in that election led him to win a three-year term on Township Committee in the following November elections.

Likewise, in Princeton Borough in 2003, when Borough Councilman Joseph O'Neill squared off against Asm. Reed Gusciora for a chance to win the Democratic nod for mayor, Mr. O'Neill was considered a favorite, despite Mr. Gusciora's popularity as a then four-term state Assemblyman. Mr. Gusciora has since been re-elected to his post.

But in this Township primary, there is an interesting twist: Democrats Chad Goerner of Dempsey Avenue and Scott Carver of Bayard Lane are largely viewed as uniformly viable, both bringing in different, yet equally accessible visions for the Township: a municipality that has, over the past 20 years, turned from a suburb

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**TWICE AS NICE:** Members of the Stuart Country Day lacrosse team are all smiles as they display the trophies they earned after beating Rutgers Prep 10-7 last Sunday in the state Prep B championship game. It was the second straight Prep B title for the Tartans. For more details on the game, see page 41.

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### Achievement Gap

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said. "Research shows the importance of reading on grade level by grade three."

Ms. Wilson urged members of the MEC and HSC to work toward creative ideas for promoting community involvement in reading over the summer months. "It doesn't have to be complicated or cost a lot of money," she said. "It can be as simple as someone reading on a front porch, at the pool, or in a neighborhood park. The important thing is to read to kids."

As well as describing research findings, the report outlines efforts already put in place in the Princeton Regional Schools and suggests possible strategies for future consideration by the MEC and the HSC.

Among the former are two programs that began last fall: a pre-K program, which maintains six places for children in special education and six places for children in poverty as defined by income, and summer academies for math and literacy operated in conjunction with the Princeton Recreation Department.

The Generation One program, now in its third year at Princeton High School, aims at narrowing the achievement gap by supporting teenagers who are the first in their families to apply for college admission. Program participants are guided by university students who have already been through the "college application machine."

"College readiness is the goal," said Ms. Wilson. To this end, a new College Center staffed by a College Guidance Counselor will open at the high school this fall. Plans include opening the Center several nights each month so that working parents can become informed about the college application process.

Also new for the fall, will be a support program at Princeton High School (PHS) and at John Witherspoon Middle School (JWMS) for math and literacy that will encourage children to stretch toward a higher level of achievement in these subjects.

A similar program has proved effective at Rockville Center, Long Island, said Ms. Wilson, who, with

other members of the Board of Education, visited Rockville Center on Tuesday May 16 to talk with students and teachers at a school with a record of narrowing the achievement gap among its students. Rockville is a town similar to Princeton and the Board hopes to learn ways of achieving its goals by looking at the strategies put into practice there.

Across the nation, a persistent achievement gap exists between minority students, as defined by race/ethnicity and income level, and the majority of students in America's public schools. The Princeton

Board of Education has adopted multi-year goals for narrowing achievement gaps among its students. It plans to publish its first report on student achievement this August showing PK-12 data (gender, race/ethnicity and income level) gathered to track trends and progress. Ms. Wilson said that it was important to find quantifiable measures that can be used to benchmark progress.

— Linda Arntzenius

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### Topics In Brief A Community Bulletin

The Princeton Borough Police Department received accreditation status from the New Jersey Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (NJLEAC), according to a statement from Borough Police Lt. Dennis McManimon. After Police Chief Anthony Federico and Lt. McManimon appeared for a hearing in front of the commission at the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police headquarters last Wednesday, May 17, they were advised that the department had been found in full compliance with 146 standards of the accreditation process. The process consisted of a four-day on-site review by NJLEAC members that concluded on February 28. The department becomes the first police department in Mercer County to become fully accredited.

In other Borough Police news, the Department has received a \$8,000 Pedestrian Safety Education and Enforcement grant from the New Jersey Division of Highway Safety. The grant will be used for pedestrian safety enforcement and education. As a result, the Department will enforce moving violations that put pedestrians at risk as well as issuing summonses and/or warnings to pedestrians whose own actions put themselves at risk, said Lt. McManimon. Borough Police will begin selective enforcement details in the high-risk pedestrian intersections throughout the Borough in the next week.

The Princeton Senior Resource Center and the Princeton Public Library will bring the resources of the library to local seniors in the form of Library Live, a new program that will serve senior housing residents on Elm Court, Spruce Circle, Redding Circle, as well as those in the neighborhood of Holly House and the Mt. Pisgah church. Librarians will bring books, including large print and recorded, to these sites and instruct participants in the use of the online catalogue, how to order books, and how to get a library card. The program will also offer coffee and cookies. The dates for pre-registration at each site office are: Elm Court, Tuesday, June 6 at 11 a.m.; Spruce Circle, Tuesday, June 13 at 10 a.m.; Redding Circle, Thursday, June 15 at 1 p.m.; dates for Holly House at the Princeton Community Village and the Nutrition Program at Mt. Pisgah to be announced. Anyone in the neighborhood is welcome to attend. For more information, call (609) 924-7108.

The Princeton Regional School District has received proposals from three local architecture firms in response to its request for bids proposing studies of the present and future use of the Valley Road building, which currently houses the district's administrative offices. The district is considering plans for low-cost improvements to the building, to which it holds title, as well as ways in which revenue might be generated from areas within the building not used by the district. Proposals have been submitted by Princeton-based KSS Architects, West Windsor-based Hillier Architecture, and Somerville-based SSP Architectural Group.



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**PRINCETON'S LITERARY PAST:** Adelle Scharloo, a senior at Rutgers University with a double major in History and Art History, spent this spring interning at the Historical Society of Princeton and organizing "Princeton's Literary Landmarks" walking tour, a two-hour walk exploring the residences of some of the literary giants who have passed through town.

(Photo by M. H. Hersh)

## T.S. Eliot Slept Here; So Did Thomas Mann: A Literary Walking Tour of Princeton

From Booth Tarkington to F. Scott Fitzgerald to modern residents including John McPhee and Toni Morrison, Princeton has seen its share of writers. A significant portion of the notable figures who have lived in or are from Princeton, in fact, have

made the region a literary landmark in and of itself.

As such, the Historical Society of Princeton has created a walking tour of the residences of prominent writers who have lived within the municipal boundary.

opening in the fall, Ms. Scharloo organized a literary tour together.

"We found a wealth of information, and we actually had to size it down to create a nice little neat walking tour," she said, adding that with this particular tour, the idea and interest came together at the right time.

And even as the rain came and went on a classic spring day when the weather didn't really know what to do, spending time in the company of T.S. Eliot (14 Alexander Street), William Faulkner (85 Elm Road), and Saul Bellow (12 Princeton Avenue), made for the kind of history that never gets old.

— Matthew Hersh

### TOPICS Of the Town

Starting at Bainbridge House, the tour not only delves into Princeton's literary past, but explores the town's architectural diversity.

There is Broadmead and FitzRandolph Road, faculty housing for the University; a tour of Mercer Hill, including a look at author Marjorie Cuyler's home; old barracks on Edgehill Street; and, of course, Morven, where poet Annis Boudinot Stockton found inspiration for her writing.

Adjacent to Morven lies the Aquinas Institute, the University's Roman Catholic chaplaincy, which was home to Thomas Mann, the German novelist, essayist, and Nobel Laureate, between 1938 and 1941. Invited to the University as a lecturer, Mann and his family lived in the Stockton Street home for \$250 a month in rent. Not quite in line with Princeton Borough's western section prices today.

Mann thought the home comfortable and found delight in the surroundings, which he expressed in his personal writings.

Princeton's walking tours were begun by the late HSP executive director Gail Stern, who was struck by the breadth of Princeton's history when first coming here in the early 1990s. The goal was to make that history accessible to the public through personal exposure. Other tours include a walk of the Borough's John-Witherspoon neighborhood.

The idea has grown over the years. The museum takes on an intern pretty much "every semester," said HSP Curator Eileen Morales. This semester, Adelle Scharloo, a double major in History and Art History at Rutgers University, came to HSP for a spring public history internship. Having initially come up short putting a tour together to coincide with the museum's Civil War exhibit



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## Rescue Report

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roused with painful stimuli and when trying to talk could only make incoherent sounds. She was transported to UMCP for monitoring.

On Saturday afternoon, the Squad was dispatched for a water rescue when a canoe capsized in the canal near Washington Road. Fortunately, the first arriving ambulance found all four boaters, including two children ages 3 and 4,

had made it safely to shore. The boaters refused medical attention.

At Princeton High School after the Squad's May 17 simulation of a fatal two-car accident designed to highlight for juniors and seniors the potentially fatal consequences of drunk driving (one "victim" was "mortally wounded" after being ejected through the windshield), two 17-year-old

female student spectators suffered from weakness and nausea, and one of them briefly lost consciousness. Both were evaluated by the Squad and transported to UMCP.

The Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad is a volunteer-run, non-profit organization. For more information on donation or volunteering opportunities, call 924-3338 or visit [www.pfars.org](http://www.pfars.org).

charges. Both individuals were released pending a later court appearance.

released, pending a future court date.

Upon failing to stop at a stop sign on John Street, Micah Moore, 22, was pulled over by police for reckless driving. Police determined him to be under the influence of alcohol and arrested him. He was later released, pending a future court date.

Alejandro Gonzales-Pena, 23, of Princeton was arrested on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol, reckless driving, not having a license, and failure to keep right. Officer Hodges spotted his vehicle on State Road driving erratically. He was later



## Police Blotter

This past weekend, around 11:30 p.m., Officer Wayne Bender arrested Bona Dut Lueth, a 33-year-old homeless male, for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of less than 50 grams of marijuana. Lueth was at Quarry Park, which is located off of Spruce Street. He was released on \$200 bail, pending a court date.

Around nine o'clock last Monday night, Officer James Martinez investigated a robbery at Varsity Liquors. With his hand underneath his coat — possibly concealing a weapon — the burglar told the owner he was being robbed. When the owner refused to open the register, the male grabbed a bag containing a six pack of beer and a bottle of vodka and fled. The store owner described the robber as a white male, 30-35 years old, tall with a slim build, an unshaven, narrow face, and black hair. An alarm alerted patrols to the robbery. Anyone observing the described suspect is encouraged to call the detective bureau at 921-8108.

Two Princeton boys, Benjamin Rauch, 18, and Andrew Mahon, 19, were arrested for underage possession and consumption of alcohol near Smoyer Park, and violating a local ordinance for being in the park after dark. A variety of beer cans and bottles were found in the vehicle. Rauch was also arrested on DWI



**A GRIM ROLE:** Princeton Borough Police Officer Kim Hodges readies Catherine Marchetta, a senior at Princeton High School (PHS), for her grim role as the victim of a fatal automobile accident. Ms. Marchetta, in a blood-spattered white prom gown, lay "lifeless" on the hood of a shattered car in a simulated crash last Wednesday, May 17. The highly realistic mock-up of a drunk-driving accident and rescue by members of the Princeton First Aid and Rescue Squad (PFARS), the Princeton Fire Department, and Princeton Borough and Township police departments, took place just two days before last Friday's High School Prom in an effort to warn PHS juniors and seniors of the dangers of drunk driving. Initiated by the Princeton Alcohol and Drug Alliance, the event was organized by PFARS Chief Greg Paulson in collaboration Corner House, and the PHS Parent Teacher Organization.

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For the founder of a teen health center who has given 19 years of blood, sweat, and tears to educating, enlightening, and reaching out, how can there possibly be a right time to leave?

The time has come for Bonnie Parker, a registered nurse and founder and executive director of HiTOPS, the key-stone organization providing primary reproductive health services in and around the community nestled on the corner of N. Tulane Street and Wiggins Street in Princeton Borough. Moreover, despite leaving an organization that she has helped grow from an offshoot of Familyborn into a nationally-known program, she seems quite upbeat about it.

Perhaps it's because she's looking forward to spending more time with her grandchildren and mother, but it is also likely that she knows she's leaving this organization, whose aim is to help young adults and adolescents arrive at responsible decisions about sexual health, in good hands.

Newly-appointed director Dr. Lori Heninger is a social worker whose work with children and youth in conflict situations has brought her international recognition, and has taken her all over the world.

"It's not very difficult for me

to leave," Ms. Parker said. "As I've told Lori, the organization has never been so strong. We have a staff of amazing leaders and health care professionals who are running this place.

"I don't think that's going to change, and I'm happy."

Ms. Parker said she decided about a year ago that she would leave, giving her notice to the organization's board of trustees in January, which launched a vigorous search for a new leader that ultimately led to Dr. Heninger.

It was not quite kismet, since Asbury Park resident Dr. Heninger could have discovered the job opening through various networks, but a quick visit to Idealist.com, a Web site devoted to not-for-profit groups, including job opportunities, was just the thing.

"I knew I was ready to move from the work that I was doing to a more U.S.-focused organization, and HiTOPS was on Idealist.com," she said.

It turned out that the situation was, in fact, ideal.

Dr. Heninger had headed up the Education in Emergencies Initiative, a group that develops and fund-raises for program work on children in hostile environments. Most recently, she undertook a

youth project in Uganda focusing on education in emergencies.

She is also an effective fundraiser: something that holds clear appeal to the HiTOPS board.

"What I'm hoping is that I can bring my passion and inspire others to do good works by contributing in any way they can. But I would hope that a number of individuals would be contributing financially as well," particularly in a time, Dr. Heninger said, when productive health rights are "in jeopardy."

"This is the time." HiTOPS is currently undergoing an endowment campaign looking to raise \$2 million to create a financial foundation that is "absolutely critical."

"Reproductive health is a political football, especially when it comes to young people. Having that solid fiscal foundation to help through the good times and the bad times is so important," she said.

Ms. Parker emphasized the importance of creating a stable monetary cushion, but, in an aside to her successor, she indicated that while \$2 million is the immediate goal, the organization is going to need "a lot more than that."

"We got a great kickstart:

we have over a million dollars and we're going to continue to build. But this is a non-profit-rich community and everyone is looking for support. We've been very fortunate."

Doing good work in Princeton, Ms. Parker said, is a given, while the real challenge lies in being effective in other communities: "I know we're working here; I see it all the time. Kids come in all the time thanking us."

HiTOPS, while known in Princeton for serving local adolescents and youth, also does work with schools in Trenton, Newark, Camden, and Paterson: just a sample from the 50 districts throughout the state with which HiTOPS conducts a partnership program. Overseen by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services and the Princeton Center for Leadership Training, the program trains peer educators to follow the HiTOPS approach to peer education. "That's probably the program we're most well know for, and we've been able to replicate that with the state's help," Ms. Parker said, adding that similar efforts have been launched in Ohio, Texas, and New Mexico.

The formula for dealing with adolescents and youth? "You have to really listen. You have to really like kids, respect them, and give them their rights to responsible healthcare."

"What's unique here is that really smart, creative, and we've insisted on including have good ideas. People say educational programs with 'young people are the future,' health services and that is but I think young people are really different from other the now and they don't have organizations," Ms. Parker to wait."

For more information on For Dr. Heninger, whether HiTOPS, visit [www.hitops.org](http://www.hitops.org). It's in Liberia or Uganda or Darfur, "young people are

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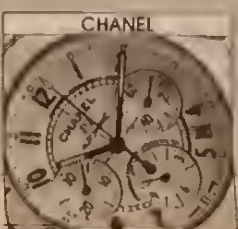
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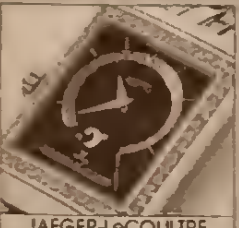
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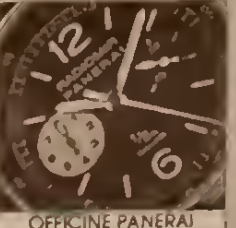
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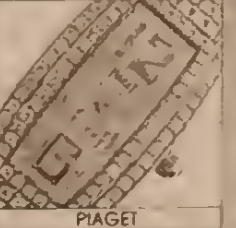
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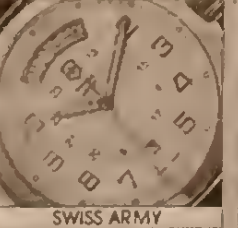
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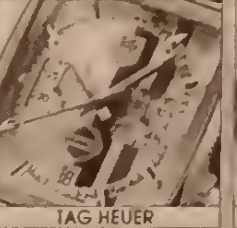
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The annual meeting of **Friends of Princeton Open Space** will take place on Sunday, June 4 at 3 p.m. at Mountain Lakes House, 57 Mountain Avenue in the Mountain Lakes Nature Reserve. Refreshments will be served.

The speaker will be George S. Hawkins, Executive Director of New Jersey Future, who will discuss "Preservation and Prosperity: Open Space in the Worlds of Cowboys and Spacemen."

The talk will follow a brief business meeting at which new trustees will be elected. It will be based on lectures from Mr. Hawkins' course at Princeton University, and on a platform that New Jersey Future developed for the 2005 gubernatorial campaign.

For more information on Friends of Princeton Open Space, visit [www.fopos.org](http://www.fopos.org) or call (609) 921-2772. Those wishing to attend the annual meeting are asked to call (609) 921-2772 by May 31.

The **Central Jersey Dance Society** will hold its monthly California Mix dance Saturday, June 3 at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton. The dance will include a beginners' country two-step lesson from 7:30 to 8 p.m., followed by an intermediate lesson from 8 to 8:30 p.m. Dancing to west and east coast swing, salsa, and hustle will be from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

All levels are welcome, and no partner is required. Admission will be \$11 (students \$8), and will include lesson and light refreshments.

For more information call (609) 945-1883 or visit [www.centraljerseydance.org](http://www.centraljerseydance.org).

**Soroptimist International of Princeton** will present "The Distaff Muse" by Stacey F. Roth at a noon luncheon meeting on Saturday, June 10 at Buckingham Place, 155 Raymond Road.

Ms. Roth, a historical interpreter, will explore the private thoughts and popular image of women of the 18th century through songs, quotations, poetry, and prose, and sing songs by and about women from folk, popular, and theater traditions.

A tour of Buckingham Place will be available. A raffle will be held along with other surprises.

Tickets are \$20 per person. For reservations, call Lorraine Rose at (609) 448-0615. Proceeds of the fundraiser will be used to support Soroptimist community projects.

The **Professional and Business Singles Network** will host a dance and social on Saturday, June 3 at 8:30 p.m. in the Symphony Lounge at the Best Western New Hope in New Hope, Pa. Admission will be \$13.

Membership is not required for attendance; dress is casual.

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— Jean Hultgren, Titus Avenue, Lawrenceville



"On Memorial Day we should honor and remember and have gratitude for the troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. My plans are to be with family."

— Tom Mavis, Snowden Lane



"When I think of Memorial Day I think of its historical meaning which is to commemorate all of the fallen from the American Civil War, both the North and the South. In terms of losses as a percentage of the population, it was our bloodiest war with the Revolutionary War second. We remember the sacrifices of the American soldier and sailor for freedom in this country which is not to be taken lightly. We paid for the rights we have and people have to recognize that we had to fight for them. I will stay close to home with family and friends and have a traditional barbecue in the backyard."

— Jerry Hurwitz, President of the Princeton Battlefield Society, Dogwood Drive



"It is a proper day set aside to remember the men and women who have gone before us and served in the armed forces and civilian support that helped preserve our liberty and our country. I intend to be in a parade in Englewood."

— John Mills, Mercer Road



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— Stephen White and Aidan, University Place

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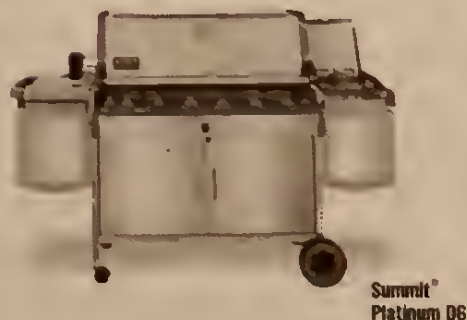
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Princeton High School (PHS) senior, Rohith Chandrasekar, returned from the world's largest pre-college science fair in Indianapolis earlier this month with hundreds of pins received from participating students from around the globe. Some 1,500 students from over 40 nations competed and Rohith won a \$750 prize for a design that would produce nanoparticles of cubic boron nitride reliably and cost-effectively.

(Photo by Linda Arntzenius)

Though still in high school, Rohith Chandrasekar is making his mark as an educator, coaching fellow students in math, physics, and biology as a peer tutor at Princeton High School's IDEAS Center. "Teaching has always been a dream of mine," he said. "I've taught kids from when I was in 7th grade, but it became formalized at the IDEAS Center. I want to become a professor, so this is a good stepping stone."

At the IDEAS Center, where he's helped fellow students maintain or improve their grades over the past two years, Rohith has been mentored by Martin Kushner, the center's longest running director. "Mr. Kushner has been an integral part of my life," said Rohith. "He gives 200 percent to reach students who need help. He was able to reach these students when no one else could, to make the connection and to help his tutors do the same." Rohith was disappointed to hear about the recent elimination of Mr. Kushner's position as a result of the 2006-07 Princeton Regional Schools Budget. "Even if he [Mr. Kushner] leaves," said Rohith, "the Center needs a full time director. Without that I can't see it being as successful as it has been."

At age 17, Rohith is already making a mark in science too. He took Advanced Placement physics in his junior year and is an intern in Professor Stephen Tse's laboratory in the School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering at Rutgers University. Two years ago, on his own initiative, Rohith persuaded the scientist to allow him the hands-on lab experience he craved. "I'd been reading about new developments in nanotechnology in magazines and so I wanted to get some lab experience and learn more." It was there that he put together the project that garnered awards at the recent Mercer County Science Fair and at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Indianapolis — the design of an aerodynamically-enhanced plasma for the synthesis of nanoparticles of cubic boron nitride. The second hardest material known, cubic boron nitride can be used as a substitute for diamond and to make coatings for space shuttles as well as for small gears and in microchips. Today's tennis rackets are made with particles of the stuff that are a thousand times smaller than dust, so that Andy Roddick's racket can withstand his 150-mph serves. Industry needs a reliable low-cost production method such as that offered by Rohith's apparatus.

Aside from the award, the highlight of the Indianapolis trip was meeting a panel of Nobel Laureates that included Robert F. Curl, Jr. (Chemistry, 1996), Dudley R. Herschbach (Chemistry, 1986), Horst L. Stormer (Physics, 1998), and Harold E. Varmus (Medicine, 1989), among others. Rohith is grateful to PHS science teacher Carol Lee for encouraging him to enter the Mercer County Science Fair with two other PHS students, Sauhard Sahi and Denise Xu. All three won prizes and, as grand prize winner, Rohith went on to represent New Jersey in the Intel Fair.

#### Indian Music

In addition to awards for science, Rohith took third place last December for his singing in a tri-state music competition and attended a national competition in April at which the most senior musicians in India judged and performed. This was a real treat for Rohith, who has a deep love for Indian classical music and song. "All the songs are in praise of a sacred deity," he said. "They are full of emotion." Rohith sings in many of the languages of India, Urdu, Tamil, Hindi, Sanskrit, and others. He's been singing for about six or seven years now. For the last two, he's been instructed by a renowned teacher of classical Indian song, Palghat T.R. Rajaram, over speaker phone from India for an hour each week. Last year he sang solo in the PHS Talent Show. This year, he performed with two other musicians, violinist Bhargav Chandrasekar and percussionist Surein Theivakumar. Their performance was so well received that they performed again for the Cultural Connections Program.

#### Community Service

With accomplishments in science and in classical Indian music, it's a wonder Rohith finds time for Community Service. But he does! At Corner House he's part of GAIA, Growing up Accepted as an Individual in America, promoting harmony and embracing diversity. The group, which relieves tensions in the community, is led by Ms. Lynn Shell and co-director Dana Hughes. He's also a leader of LINK (Local Intergenerational Network of Kindness), which connects elderly and disabled people with students. For the past three years he's been helping Stonebridge resident Ms. Leonie Menasche with domestic chores and with her computer. He's also on the board of Learn and Serve America, overseeing school-based community-service programs for Princeton Regional Schools.

#### PHS

Rohith came to PHS as a freshman after his family — his father Chandra Sekar, mother Chitra, and his sister Swetha, an 8th grader at John Witherspoon Middle School — moved to Princeton. Before that he was at Edison High School for 8 years, having moved to New Jersey in 1993 from his birthplace of Toronto, Canada. Diversity is a PHS strength, he said. "It's a close-knit community with a student body of 1300, so almost everyone knows everyone else. The teachers are easy to talk to, as are the guidance counselors and there are so many opportunities that open themselves up. PHS is a place where you can express your opinions and be able to enjoy what you like most and get to know others who enjoy different things."

This year, in addition to classes at PHS, he's been auditing courses in differential equations and thermodynamics at Rutgers. Next year he'll attend Cooper Union on a full scholarship. "I want to study engineering and its aspects and applications in biology and then I hope to get a Ph.D and go on to become a university professor or to start my own company in nanotechnology."

And did we mention he began the ping-pong club at PHS about two years ago?

—Linda Arntzenius

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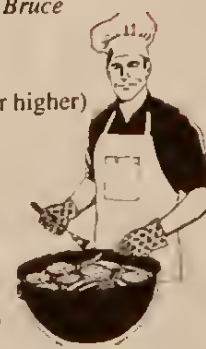
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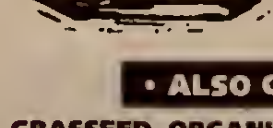
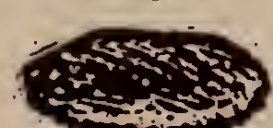
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## Budget

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sell said.

"We can't give what he  
haven't got," Ms. Berg-  
man said, adding that the  
Township, as is, finances  
69 percent of the municip-  
al funding for the Library:  
\$2,341,891.

"I don't want people  
thinking that we're holding  
the Library hostage," Ms.  
Marchand said. "There are  
some things about taxes  
that we can't control.

"I feel terribly that Leslie  
has to cut her budget, I feel  
badly personally, and I feel  
badly for the community  
that there might not be as  
many materials available,"  
she added.

But there was division  
on Committee. At the elev-  
enth hour, Committeeman  
Bill Hearon motioned to  
include in the Township's  
capital bond ordinance the  
\$100,000 for the purchase  
of books. Mr. Hearon said  
those monies could be paid  
back within three and five  
years. He, Committeeman  
Lance Liverman, and De-  
puty Mayor Bernie Miller vot-  
ed in favor of introduction,  
with Ms. Bergman and Ms.  
Marchand voting against.

However, while the mo-  
tion was introduced, four  
votes in favor are required  
for capital bond ordinances  
to be implemented.

According to Township  
Attorney Edwin Schmierer,  
if four people don't sup-  
port that idea when the  
ordinance comes up for  
public hearing, that part of  
the bond ordinance could be  
defeated.

Township Committee also  
approved its portion of the  
Health Department bud-  
get, after a plan outlined  
by Borough Administrator  
Robert Bruschi to create an  
\$11,000 trust fund for the  
vaccination program.

At the end of 2005, the  
surplus balance stood at  
about \$4.22 million and  
in this year's budget, the  
Township is proposing to  
use about \$3.15 million  
of that amount, leaving a  
little over a million dollars  
at the end of the year. The  
remaining balance of the  
budget at the end of 2004  
was \$831,000.

— Matthew Hersh

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Organizers of Quark Park, an outdoor garden on a vacant Palmer Square lot using mathematical and scientific themes for a series of "follies" or garden huts, have paired architects and designers with noted scientists and are looking to Thursday, when the Borough Zoning Board of Adjustment is slated to vote up or down on the outdoor garden.

The long-awaited sequel to the successful Writers Block would be located in the same vacant Palmer Square lot, and, since the Zoning Board approved Writers Block, it is likely Quark Park organizers have little to worry about.

The next step, the fund-raising, is moving along well, said Kevin Wilkes, an architect

and a chief organizer of Writers Block. The fund-raising presented the biggest obstacle for Writers Block when a lack of finances created a backlash for those involved in the project.

As of now, Mr. Wilkes said, about \$12,000 has been raised with the overall goal for the project hovering around \$150,000. The organizers are hoping to solicit 50 percent of the funds privately, with the other half coming out of corporate sponsorship. The expenses, which would be fully absorbed into the project, would offset the cost of an approximate \$5,000 stipend for each team, and finance materials, and other labor.

Confirmed teams include:

Princeton University President Shirley Tilghman with Jersey City sculptor Nancy Cohen; University physicist Paul Steinhardt with Lambertville sculptor Christoph Spath; Institute for Advanced Study physicist and mathematician Freeman Dyson with Princeton architect Allan Kehrt; Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory Director Rob Goldston with Trenton sculptor Rein Triefeldt; computer scientist and University Dean of the Faculty David Dobkin with Mr. Wilkes; and University geoscientist Lincoln Hollister with Princeton landscape architect Alan Goodheart, who is also a Quark Park organizer.

"We have our teams busy and we started work on the site," Mr. Wilkes said, adding that a fund-raiser taking place at a private home in Princeton.

Quark Park has assistance in fund-raising from Colorado-based World Hope Organization, a not-for-profit, 501(c)(3), organization.

The current vacant lot on Palmer Square along Paul Robeson Place is the future location of a luxury-housing complex, which will likely not get underway until late 2006 or early 2007. Palmer Square Management has again agreed to donate the land for the outdoor project. The entire tract of land in Palmer Square along Paul Robeson recently received a nod from an advisory board of the Regional Planning Board of Princeton to move forward with the 100-residential-unit development.

— Matthew Hersh



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**GEARING UP FOR THE PRIMARY:** Democrats Scott Carver, left, and Chad Goerner, both seeking Committeeman Bill Hearon's expiring seat on Township Committee, will face each other in the Township's June 6 primary election.

## Primary Elections

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of Princeton Borough to an independent municipality with its own identity and its own issues beyond the goings-on of "downtown."

As such, it's not surprising that both Mr. Carver and Mr. Goerner are energetic individuals who feel the call of civic duty in a vibrant municipality. But that's largely where the similarities end.

An attorney who has worked in government, energy, and land use and environmental affairs, Mr.

Carver, 42, is a seasoned volunteer for various municipal boards and commissions and a past president and assistant treasurer of the Princeton Community Democratic Organization (PCDO).

"Running for Township Committee is actually inspiring," Mr. Carver said, pointing to the door-to-door campaigning as providing the most insightful moments of his run. "Just the number of people who take the time and invite you inside to sit down and talk has provided a great experience."

"At many levels, if I'm

elected, that will serve me very well."

Mr. Carver, a vice president and senior counsel at LS Power Development, LLC in East Brunswick, a developer and management company focused on the energy industry, lives with his four-year-old daughter Faith and his wife of 13 years, Teri McIntire in their Dempsey Avenue home. Having served on the Princeton Environmental Commission and its liaison to an advisory wing of the Regional Planning Board of Princeton, Mr. Carver said his seeking elected government is a natural progression from his past civic involvement.

At 30, Mr. Goerner has been married 10 years, is a senior financial advisor at Merrill Lynch, and has served on the PCDO executive board and is a member of Democracy for America, a liberal-leaning political action group modeled and created after the initial success of Howard Dean's largely grassroots 2004 campaign for president.

"As each year goes by, my wife and I realize how much we like living in Princeton," he said, pointing to that and his political past as the primary reasons he is vying for a seat on Committee—a past that stretches to as far back as 1992, when the New York Times credited a 16-year-old Mr. Goerner as the "spokesman" for presidential hopeful Jerry

Brown's New Jersey campaign chapter. While the reference was not entirely accurate, it turned a then-bemused teen into a brief highlight of an A1 story in a national paper.

Both men came into this race seeking to fill a vacancy for the now rescinded resignation of Township Committeeman Bill Hearon. However, even after Mr. Hearon decided to hold on to his Committee seat, Mr. Carver and Mr. Goerner have committed themselves to a campaign that, regardless of who moves on after the primary, will change the tone of Committee for some time to come.

Both are political outsiders, in a sense. The Township Democratic Party shunned Mr. Carver, the perceived favorite to be chosen to fill Mr. Hearon's then-pending vacancy, when its members roundly endorsed Mr. Goerner as their candidate. Conversely, it was likely that Mr. Carver, despite Mr. Goerner's endorsement, had the votes from Mayor and Committee to be appointed to Mr. Hearon's seat, had he vacated it.

Because of this, the primary campaign began with all the makings of an ugly political scene, but to the candidates' credit, no nasty rhetoric has prevailed, and both are sticking to the issues.

Oversized homes, commonly known as "McMansions," have taken center stage in recent weeks as angry neighbors protested about a new house built on North Littlebrook Road. While both candidates agree that neighborhood character needs to be addressed, they differ somewhat on how to go about it.

Mr. Goerner has explored the concept of creating Neighborhood Conservation Districts (NCD) — a form of overlay zoning that adds a level of protection for certain neighbors. Currently, the Princeton Historic Preservation Commission is considering placing historic designation on a mid-century development in the Township's Littlebrook district to curb drastic changes

to neighborhood character. But even members of the Commission have agreed that while historic designation works for some neighborhoods, it is not right for other, less historic areas whose residents have an interest in preserving their neighborhoods.

The teardown and rebuild issue that is plaguing Princeton with its heavy post-war housing stock is not unique. Communities around the country are dealing with the same question.

"I think we need to be smart about it and look outside of Princeton and not continue looking in a bubble," Mr. Goerner said, citing similar communities in Massachusetts and California. "Those communities aim to strike a balance between growth and development with the character of the neighborhoods, town, or city."

"It should be discussed from the bottom up," Mr. Goerner said, echoing a common theme in his campaign. "It shouldn't be dictated by local government, but from the residents."

One of the elements characterizing Mr. Carver's campaign has been what he calls "out of scale development." At his address to the PCDO in March, he called for the implementation of smart land use planning principals, and credited his background in land use law as a way to create a dialogue with residents.

Mr. Carver pointed out a need to review the Township's zoning ordinances "so we can be out in front of the type of development that we want to see—both at the residential level and non-residential level."

"We've seen the development that has captured some headlines," he said,

referring to the North Littlebrook house, "and I've seen it in my neighborhood as well." But, he said, increased development should not always be deterred. Possible redevelopment of the Princeton Shopping Center and continued development along the northeast portion of the Township known as

the Princeton Ridge should continue to be explored, he said.

"The issues confronting us on the development side are where I really think I could add some benefit," he said.

Concerning the issue of rising property taxes, Mr. Carver pointed to the 22 percent municipal portion of a property owner's overall tax burden, saying that a certain amount of emphasis needs to be placed on state reform, moving away from property tax municipal financing.

"The share of services that New Jersey finances or funds is among the highest in the nation," indicating, he added, the need for a special legislative session: a thorny issue for many elected members of the Legislature.

Other budgetary components worth studying, Mr. Carver said, include increases in municipal salaries, insurance, and the Township's requirement to fund pension programs.

Mr. Carver also called for an increase in grant programs.

Mr. Goerner said he is looking for a "holistic" approach to devising the Township's annual budget. A special municipal-appointed tax advisory commission could be implemented to "open up the budget process."

"What this does is aim to find a compromise between having an outright public vote, like the school budget," he said, adding that such a commission would be non-partisan. "You want people with an analytical background, with financial experience, but also those with experience working with local governments," he said.

"We have to tap into the talent we have in our community, as opposed to looking at it as a political issue, because it's not a political issue."

Both Mr. Goerner and Mr. Carver agreed that the open space tax should be re-examined, as the Township has achieved its stated goal of 25 percent. In 2006, over \$481,000 will be collected in open space tax.

Both candidates are in favor of moving forward with a joint emergency management coordinator. Mr. Goerner emphasized the community benefit of a coordinator, while working on an increased level of dialogue with the Borough on shared services and community-wide issues. Mr. Carver praised the state-of-the-art infrastructure that has been put in place at Township Hall to facilitate joint emergency services, but took issue with the cost sharing with the Borough. "The Borough is getting cost avoidance by not having to [update] their system," he said, urging a 50-50 cost share, rather than the standard 70 percent to 30 percent Township-Borough split.

Both candidates also pointed to the recent Route 206 Vision Study as an issue-oriented public forum that could serve as a template for increased community involvement.

— Matthew Hersh



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## Dealing With It: Art and Emotion, Sudden Death and 9/11

Reading mental health professional Kathryn Bedard's just-published book, *Compassion and Courage in the Aftermath of Traumatic Loss: Stones in My Heart Forever* (The Haworth Press \$19.95), I kept thinking of "Emotional Rescue" by the Rolling Stones (no pun intended), which charted in 1980, seven years after the Twin Towers went up. The chorus of the song ("I'll be your savior, steadfast and true/I'll come to your emotional rescue") indicates what the author was doing day after day in the time of emotional overkill and communal bonding following September 11. The book is based on a journal she kept while working out of the Family Assistance Center (FAC) in Liberty State Park where she was the "logistics person" involved in organizing and personally guiding New Jersey families of 9/11 victims to and through the site of the Trade Center attack. She gave hugs, handed out flowers and teddy bears, and calmed tempers (while giving troublemakers some of their own back), all the while tasting and smelling the witch's brew cooked up in the smouldering pit of Ground Zero (in her words, "the smell is death") day after day from September 19, 2001, until early December.

### Tipping the Balance

The "magical thinking" Joan Didion explores in her best-selling book about personal loss, *The Year of Magical Thinking* (Knopf \$23.95), is a carefully crafted demonstration in prose of how she dealt with (or attempted to deal with) the sudden death of her husband of 40 years, John Gregory Dunne. Her approach is as measured and literary as Bedard's is artless and free-spirited. At least, so it seems.

In *Fixed Ideas: America Since 9.11*, Didion was among the first respected authors to point out the politicization of the tragedy encouraged by exactly the sort of emotional onslaught Kathryn Bedard is describing. In *The Year of Magical Thinking*, her only reference to that "ordinary beautiful September day" is to cite it as one of the ultimate examples of the implacable "ordinariness" that seems to accompany catastrophe, whether mass murder by terrorists or the sudden death of a loved one.

Didion's first written response to her husband's death resonates throughout the book: "You sit down to dinner and life as you know it ends." Her account gains additional emotional credibility because she is also dealing with a series of medical calamities that would eventually claim her only child, Quintana.

What makes her approach particularly interesting is that she is not merely dealing with her loss but is using the book as a medium to summon up the presence of her husband. Under "ordinary" circumstances, such an idea might seem delusional (or misguided) "magical" to a stylist as versed in the art of nuance, selection, and restraint as Joan Didion, whose completed books almost always look as lean as their author. In *The Year of Magical Thinking*, the result is a performance that calls to mind one of those high-wire acrobats who deliber-

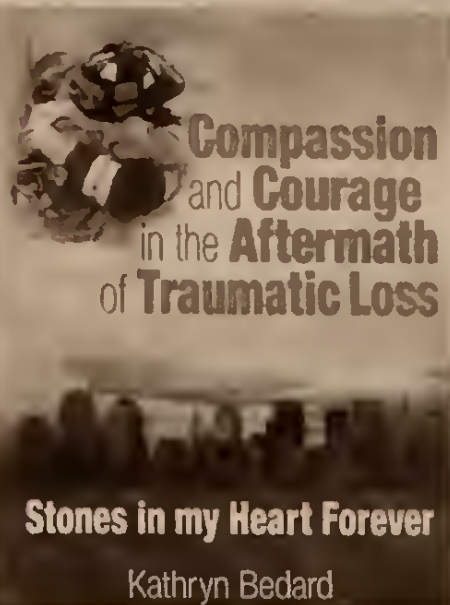
The only way she can justify this intrusion of detail no one but friends or relatives of the composer would have any interest in is by using it as an example of the sort of amusing trifle she wishes she could discuss with her husband. At the opening of the next chapter, she does it again. Instead of simply mentioning the faintly pencilled list Dunne made of the characters who died in the novel he'd sent to press just before his death, she repeats each of the names, as if by enumerating the characters her living husband had created she could get closer

professional." Not content to stand outside the action, she goes at grief headlong and throws her arms around it in the form of numerous weeping firemen, colleagues, and needful family members of the victims. She cries every day and isn't afraid to say so; when she's hurt or resentful, moved or miserable, she says so; she leaves herself wide open. While her prologue describing the FAC facilities shows that she can express herself and her ideas effectively and objectively when she needs to, the barrier containing her feelings goes down almost as soon as she begins the journal.

Not that she doesn't lift her head above the emotional maelstrom every now and then to let us know she knows what's been happening to her. She says it often, honestly, and well, writing at one point: "Okay, so I recognize the sickness in feeling like being at a disaster area is better than being at home." Later, with the end of her mission in sight, she writes: "The compassion vampire inside me wants this to go on forever. The person in me wants it to be over. Mostly, the vampire remains in charge."

A writer as skilled as Joan Didion could probably have transformed this irrepressible 250-page flow of words into a 25-page plunge to the emotional core of the event. But while Didion crafted a means to make her compulsive behavior work for her, there's nothing feigned or artful about Bedard's compulsion to give us all the hugs and tears, kind and unkind words. This is raw, naked emotion and reading it, you may find yourself wishing an editor had talked the author into concentrating on the most telling or touching encounters instead of letting so much through. Nevertheless, this headlong artlessness and openness may come closer to capturing the devastating reality so many of us felt in aftermath of September 11 than would a more careful, more polished work. For better or worse, most people sitting in front of their televisions with tears in their eyes or poring over the newspapers or making a pilgrimage to the site were in no condition to edit the massive emotional rush that consumed the country. Kathryn Bedard gives it to us up front, the American spirit, tears and hugs, courage and compassion, yes, and flowers for firemen who are "angels" and heroes. Didion might not see it that way, but she would probably give this big-hearted Jersey girl credit for recording and expressing the phenomenon, the state of mind and heart, the true shock and awe, that has unfortunately provided this administration with the "emotional capital" they needed to take us where we are today.

—Stuart Mitchner



## JOAN DIDION THE YEAR OF MAGICAL THINKING

ately (or so it seems) feigns loss of balance only to regain it while the crowd gasps and cheers. For Didion, the equivalent of that feigned falling is to occasionally appear to be veering into regions of personal detail her rational, professional-writer self would have avoided. It's a tribute to her art that she's able to register the impact of sudden death on her thinking by seemingly going against her instincts as a writer even as she's brilliantly employing them to produce what may be the most gripping and widely read book she's ever written.

While Bedard is spontaneously, cheerfully indiscriminating, Didion gives the impression of being unintentionally indiscriminating. One example of the "vortex" of irrelevant detail she sinks into, seemingly helplessly, has a local association. Her husband was a Princeton graduate, class of 1954. Remembering how he used to make fun of the gestures employed by the Nassoons when singing a song, she mentions the song he liked to parody ("As I remember you"), which became their "private joke." Instead of stopping there, she quotes the entire Princeton Alumni Weekly obituary of the song's composer.

to him, enjoying the illusion of becoming him, even though she knows better. This compulsive focusing on minutiae is her way of impressing upon the reader the intensity of her need. She's pushing the limits because it's a way to at least seem to be transcending the boundaries between life and death. No doubt this is what she was doing in the journal she kept. Her triumph is to have made that aspect of her personal struggle into literature.

### "Jersey Girl"

There are no such subtleties in *Compassion and Courage in the Aftermath of Traumatic Loss*, which gives us the unfettered essence of Kathryn Bedard's day-by-day feelings and observations. This self-proclaimed Jersey girl is not looking to create literature; nor is she submitting an objective report in accordance with a subject area categorized as "Disasters and Disaster Relief; Social Work and Human Service." What she wants to give us is "the inside look" promised in the jacket copy. The personal element is dominant and no wonder: it's an account from the field kept on every scrap at hand by a caring person who has to be more than "a mental health

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## Town Topics 60th Anniversary Poetry Contest: The Winners

At this year's Communi-versity on April 29, young poets were asked to submit a poem to Town Topics on the theme of "What Princeton Means to Me." Town Topics received poems in a variety of forms: haikus, free verse, rhymed ballad, and a cinquain! Thank you to everyone who submitted a poem.

The winners in three categories by grade level are as follows:

### Grades 9-12

Joint Winners: "Paradise" by Taj Pannell, grade 11, Stuart Country Day School and "A Place Called Princeton" by Lucy Briedenthal and Rachel Wenitsky, grade 11, Princeton High School.

#### A PLACE CALLED PRINCETON

Early morning and I rise  
to bicycles clicking  
alarms beeping  
flipflops flapping -  
a cacophony of living.  
I pass through cherry blossoms  
and enter the gates  
of a place called Princeton.

Down a narrow street I stroll  
to the summoning aroma of Café  
- double cappuccino, a dog  
barking, a laptop clacking  
India, China, Hungary  
New Zealand, Italy,  
America, and the world  
Converge  
To make this place called Princeton.

People with memories and stories -  
an herban garden and fresh croissants  
organic ice cream and strawberry sorbet  
a bookstore with nine thousand books  
and a weary professor  
Converge  
To make this town called Princeton.

—Lucy Briedenthal and  
Rachel Wenitsky

#### PARADISE

Like a ribbon in the sky  
A never-ending sea of colors  
Majestic; floating on a cloud  
Filled with serenity and loveliness  
Opportunities drip and dreams escape  
Possibilities arise while ideas awake  
Not built overnight but constructed in beauty  
A paradise on Earth.

A thirty-minute ride  
Becomes an eternity of hope  
A skip, two hops  
Entering the land of the free  
Never judging and un-denying  
A simple plan of a perfect picture  
Created by one artist for one reason  
A paradise on Earth.

It held its breath, and my success for me  
Wondering day by day if doubt remained in mind  
I never understood its precise decision  
But it held the door and guided me in  
From a place where I had no business  
To a place where I now belong  
O, Princeton, my paradise on Earth.

—Taj Pannell

### Grades 6-8

Joint Winners: "Princeton" by Jennifer Ross, grade 8, Stuart Country Day School, and "Princeton" by Theresa Gebert, grade 7, Princeton Day School.

Honorable mention: "Princeton" by Carrie Collins, grade 8, Stuart Country Day School; "Princeton, My Town" by Elyssa Gensib, John Witherspoon Middle School; "Where My Dream Starts" by Jiy Hyun Kim, grade 8, Stuart Country Day School; "What Princeton Means to Me" by Anna Leavitt, grade 8, Stuart Country Day School; "Princeton" by Alexa Lesenskyj and Pia Sawhney, grade 8, Stuart Country Day School; "What Princeton Means to Me" by Julia Miller, grade 6, Princeton Day School; "What Princeton Means to Me" by Teryn Mitchell, grade 7, Home-school.

Special mention: "Princeton" by Lindsay Barber, grade 6, John Witherspoon Middle School.

#### PRINCETON

What Princeton means to me  
A coffee to go  
Bookshelves in a row  
What Princeton means to me  
A soccer team  
Angelic ice cream  
What Princeton means to me  
A bunch of great friends  
Good times that never end  
What Princeton means to me

—Jennifer Ross

#### PRINCETON

Princeton is a happy town.  
It makes me happy when I'm down.  
I can ride my bicycle to it,  
Never fast... yes, I admit.

I think it's the people and the buildings  
Fit for the rich, fit for kings.  
I buy the bread at Witherspoon,  
Got to leave, really soon.

No time for this, no time at all.  
Ouch! I fell, yet caught my fall.  
A few more minutes, I can stay.  
Beautiful Princeton, you're okay.

Halo Pub, Nassau Inn...  
How did this town really begin?  
Long time ago, that's for sure.  
The Battle of Princeton, yup, yes sir.

I ride by an Ivy League each week.  
Really too scared to take a peek!  
I don't know why I like Princeton so much,  
Guess I like places where there's food and such.

A town I like, and love... ADORE!  
When there's little there's always more!  
Shopping here and shopping there,  
I look crazy but I don't care.

Eat some candy, look at shoes,  
Sit at a bench and simply snooze.  
I see neighbors and enemies too.  
Not enough time, so much to do!

Zoe's, Jazams, Thomas Sweet.  
Such cool places, and people to meet.  
Skid to a stop, it's nearly five!  
I race back home, barely alive.

That Princeton town where I feel free,  
And that's what Princeton means to me.

—Theresa Gebert

### Grades 2-5

Winner: "My Princeton Haikus" by Pragya Malik, grade 3, Princeton Charter School.

Honorable mention: "Princeton Modern Cinquain" by Yuval Wigderson, grade 5, Princeton Charter School.

Special mention: "What Princeton Means to Me" by Lucia Matteo, grade 2, Littlebrook Elementary School.

#### MY PRINCETON HAIKUS

CAMPUS  
Beautiful campus  
Take a walk and see...  
A Beautiful Mind

LIBRARY  
The great library  
Its pretty children's dollhouse  
A fun Saturday

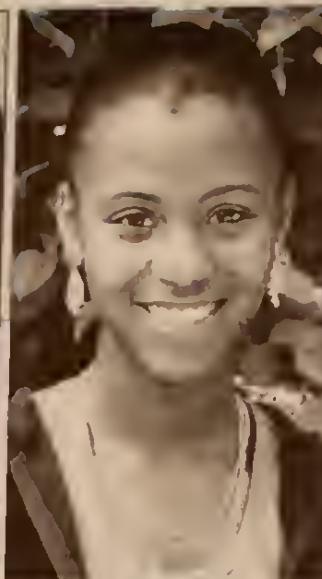
PALMER SQUARE  
You can run around  
Eat ice-cream at Halo Pub  
Arts at Red Green Blue

—Pragya Malik

—Linda Arntzenius



Jennifer Ross  
Stuart Country Day School



Taj Pannell  
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## MAILBOX

**"Not in My Backyard" Cry Greets Plan To Move Animal Shelter to Skillman**

To the Editor:

On May 8, members of 13 families of Van Zandt Road attended the Montgomery Township Planning Board meeting. We represented many more who could not attend but who signed a petition. We expressed our objections and concerns about the newly merged SAVE-Friends of Homeless Animals (FOHA) bringing its animal shelter to our "backyard."

We are vehemently against the idea of SAVE and FOHA merging their resources and bringing in all of their animals to Montgomery.

The original approval obtained by FOHA in 2003 was done in a stealthy manner: most of us were not contacted and knew nothing about it until the approval was obtained.

Mr. Fred Ball, Executive Director of SAVE-FOHA, telephoned me (and my husband) on May 11 and in the conversation admitted that "nobody wants an animal shelter in their backyard." When we asked why they didn't stay in Princeton, he replied that "it was not the highest and best use for the property." When we asked if it was the highest and best use for the Van Zandt Mansion located behind our homes, he said that it was "his right" to put it there as Mrs. Cheryl Mills bought the house and gave it to FOHA. "What about our rights?" we asked. No answer.

Your article (Town Topics, May 10) mentions lawsuit(s) between neighbors and SAVE in the past. My feeling is, please keep Princeton's problems in Princeton. We on Van Zandt Road do not want an animal shelter in the Van Zandt Mansion. The mansion is considered the best house on the Historic Registry of this area. In addition, the sound of the dogs barking from the proposed shelter will travel directly into our backyards. We don't want to hear the noise of the shelter seven days a week. The plans outlined for the shelter are not welcome.

It is clear from reading your article, as well as the May 3 article in The Princeton Packet, that the new organization plans to bring 200 or more animals to this shelter. The original plan approved by Montgomery and submitted by FOHA was for up to 100 animals. Mr. Ball told us that he plans to house only 100 to 105 animals in the shelter. When we mentioned the newspaper articles that stated his intention to house 200 animals, he quickly changed his story. Rather than answering our concerns, he furthered our list of concerns and his representation of SAVE lost credibility with us.

Isn't the mission of SAVE and FOHA to have animals adopted? Why do they need room for up to 200 animals if they are doing their job? Are they trying to become the largest dog and cat shelter or adoption agency in New Jersey?

I am asking your readers not to support this endeavor. If you feel you want to support animal causes, please put the shelter in your own backyard. It is hurting us and will bring us untold problems in the future.

SARAH ROMAGNOLI  
Skillman

**Protective Gear for Nighttime Riders Urged in Observation of Bike Month**

To the Editor:

As a fair-weather, daytime bicycle commuter, my helmet is tipped to the Whole Earth Center, Kopps Cycles, and all supporters of National Bike Month. This would be a good time to recognize a dangerous situation in our community and try to rectify it. Many cyclists are forced to commute home after dark since they have few transportation alternatives. They are often without helmets, headlamps, or reflective vests. I'm sure we don't want to wait until a tragedy occurs to do something. I should hope that the police could partner with a cycling agency to provide these nighttime cyclists with protective gear. Let's not leave these riders in the dark.

ELLEN FOOS  
William Street

**Princeton Environmental Commission Thanked for Pick-up, Shredding Event**

To the Editor:

On Saturday, May 13, the Princeton Environmental Commission (a joint Borough and Township body) and the Princeton Township Public Works Department held a successful electronic and computer collection and document shredding event. More than 200 Township and Borough residents came out with cars full of recyclables, some arriving before the 10 a.m. start time.

The paper shredding truck left at noon, with five tons of shredded material. It came back empty an hour later, and continued to shred residents' old bank statements, personal computer print-outs, and other papers until 2 p.m. A 53-foot tractor trailer with pallets of shrink-wrapped monitors, CPUs, phones, faxes, printers, and other electronics pulled out of the Township parking lot at 2:30 p.m.

David Breithaupt, Environmental Commission Chair, and Janet Pellichero, Recycling Coordinator, are to be commended for the superb planning and organization of the event. The Township's capable Public Works staff provided assistance, as did many volunteers, including members of the Environmental Commission and high school students doing public service.

If you didn't get the garage, attic, or home office emptied before last Saturday, watch the Township's website, [www.princetontwp.org](http://www.princetontwp.org), for notice of a possible fall event.

Kudos to all who participated.

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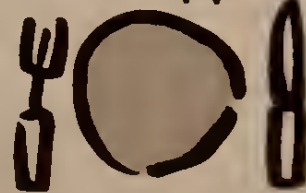
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## Coffee House Thanked For Donations In National Nurses Week Celebration

To the Editor:

On behalf of the entire administration and nursing staff of Princeton HealthCare System (PHCS), I would like to thank Starbucks of Princeton for celebrating National Nurses Week last week by donating \$2000 worth of free coupons and gift cards to the nurses within PHCS. This act of generosity and community involvement was inspired by Eric J. Lemmo, a Starbucks Princeton employee who also is an EMT for a local rescue squad and has come to appreciate the heroic and often unrecognized work done by nurses. This initiative was not a national Starbucks promotion, but rather one implemented only by the Starbucks of Princeton on Nassau Street.

PAM HERSH

Vice President for Government and Community Affairs  
Princeton HealthCare System

## Township Officials Continue to Ignore Home Owners' Opposition to Sidewalk

To The Editor:

This will be my last letter on the subject, but after the May 8 Township Committee meeting I can't resist comment. I hope this won't be viewed as a NIMBY reaction, because the matter has gone way beyond selfishness, and anyway, the sidewalk won't be on my side of the street.

We heard several affected residents complain about the uncontrolled growth of mega-houses in their back yards and adjacent properties. The topological and drainage related problems were described in detail. Then a final vote was taken on an ordinance for the Overbrook Drive sidewalk (more impervious cover in an area of Harry's Brook overflow and flood plain). Arguments for the sidewalk consisted of "it will cost us more later," or "if we build it they will come and walk here," or "future generations will need it because traffic will increase." One lone voice, Bernie Miller, had a reality check and stated that this sidewalk isn't among the priorities for our attention, and we cannot now afford the cost. He voted "no" on the sidewalk. Congratulations, Mr. Miller, on your understanding of this matter and your courage in taking what the Committee surely sees as the unpopular view.

It's no wonder that few residents turn out for these meetings and have a feeling of frustration and powerlessness. Overbrook Drive residents overwhelmingly voted against the building of a sidewalk after much consideration of the issue and its impact. It certainly appears that our elected officials don't truly represent us, but rather become "experts" on issues simply by being able to vote them into action. Is there no better solution? Can this be called democracy in action?

SUSAN B. LOEW

Overbrook Drive

## Not to Be Confused: Princeton (Town) And Princeton (University) Orchestras

To the Editor:

Princeton is fortunate to have two excellent orchestras, the Princeton University Orchestra under the direction of Michael Pratt, and the Princeton Symphony Orchestra, the region's only fully professional orchestra, under Music Director Mark Laycock. It is easy to confuse the names, as Town Topics did in its front page announcement (Town Topics, May 10): "Princeton Symphony Orchestra's performance of Mahler's Symphony No. 5 features an audience-mesmerizing Scherzo," referring to the paper's review of the Princeton University Orchestra's performance of that work. The Princeton Symphony Orchestra, hailed as "New Jersey's virtuoso orchestra" by the Newark Star Ledger, did perform the same Mahler Symphony, but earlier in the season, also in Richardson Auditorium, adding to the confusion.

The Princeton Symphony Orchestra salutes the superb work of Michael Pratt and the Princeton University Orchestra, and we thank the community of Princeton for its support of the continued excellence of the Princeton Symphony Orchestra as it enters its 27th season in the fall.

CAREN STURGES

President

Princeton Symphony Orchestra

## Busy Arts Council Thanks Participants In Cinco de Mayo and Dance Programs

To the Editor:

The Arts Council would like to thank all of the people who helped make the past two weeks of events a success. On May 5 we celebrated Cinco de Mayo with the Princeton Shopping Center entertaining an audience with art workshops, piñatas, dance, and the salsa band Swing Sabroso. We would like to thank the following people and organizations for their help and support: Ivonne Clarke, Lewis Wildman, Felipe Cruz, the Princeton Shopping Center, Chris Hanington, Julie Drobits, Swing Sabroso, Henri Velandia, Tamara Fay Hayes, and the Arts Council Staff. We would also like to express our appreciation to McCaffrey's, Main Street, and Matteo & Company.

On Friday, May 12 the conTEMPORARY Arts Center presented Tablao Flamenco to a packed audience. The response to this event was overwhelming and we plan to deliver another performance in the future. The event featured dance by Lisa Botalico and her students, guitar by Carlos Revollar, and singing by Dominico Caro. We would like to thank Ms. Botalico and her students for delivering

a fantastic performance, Anna Castro for decorating the Arts Center, and Carol Salus. Bob Jenkins, Mark Germond, and the Arts Council Staff.

MICHAEL LARICCIA

Program Coordinator

Arts Council of Princeton

## Zoning Board Must Defend Community Against Its Environmental Predators

To the Editor:

The past six months in most of the northeast have been unusually dry. However, the past week in Princeton and throughout the northeast serves as a dramatic example of the results of destroying the protection that nature furnishes us against the hazard of flooding.

We are now faced with the threat of environmental destruction of the ridge adjoining Bunn Drive, being sought by Morgan Estates LLC.

It has been conclusively demonstrated by the position stated by the Environmental Commission, that this zoning variance, if allowed, will subject the community to harm extending all the way to Nassau Street.

The fact is that developers are very clever in attempting to put high density projects where present zoning prohibits them.

They really don't expect to succeed very often. That is

why they don't buy the property, but take an option, with the expectation of moving elsewhere if they can't dupe a community into granting their request for a zoning variance.

If we were facing a criminal threat, we would dial 911 for help from the Township Police. Our need for protection from environmental predators is just as real, and we need the protection that only the Township Zoning Board can provide.

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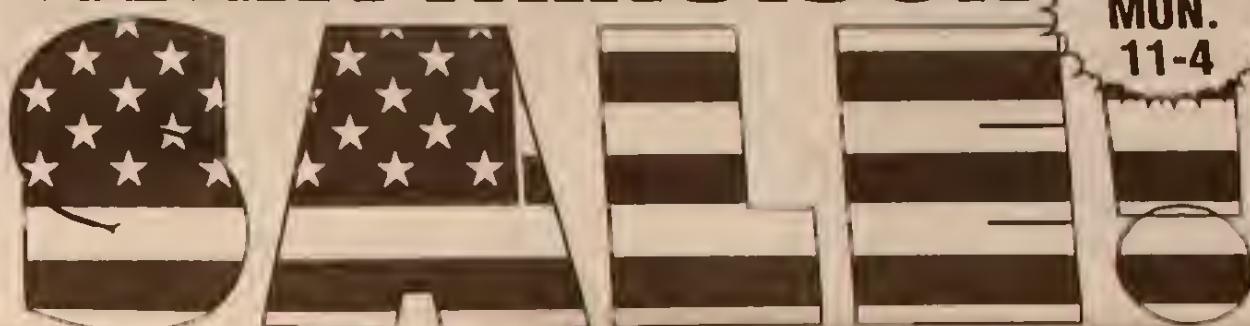


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## Princeton Architecture Firm Celebrates 40th Anniversary

Since its first Princeton residential commission, Hillier Architecture, founded by J. Robert Hillier in 1966, has grown into an award-winning practice with offices in Princeton, New York, and Philadelphia, as well as two branch offices in Washington and Shanghai.

In addition to residences, projects now range from courthouses to corporate headquarters, from office buildings to college campuses, and include libraries, perform-

ing arts spaces, schools, and recently, cancer centers, spas, hotels, casinos and restaurants.

Opening for business on the rather inauspicious date of April 1, local architect Bob Hillier leased an office at 44 Nassau Street. The modern home he designed in his first year for Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Large incorporated stone chimneys and fireplace beams and fit with its surrounding landscape of bouldered woodland.

Two years later, the firm moved to a newly constructed building close by the runway of the Princeton Airport — so close, in fact, that the original building had been destroyed when a plane crashed into it. But the rent was low and the firm was young. Besides, the location imparted a frisson of excitement to client meetings as the occasional plane swept past the conference room window. Again, the signs may not have seemed auspicious. And yet, by 2006, Hillier Architecture was working on a \$1.6 billion, 3-million-square-foot resort in the Bahamas. Clearly, the firm has come along way during the past forty years.

### Rapid Rise

Five years after its founding, Hillier had nine registered architects. In 1972, when Gordon D. Griffin was hired, it gained a reputation for completing large and complicated projects on time. Today Mr. Griffin manages the Princeton office and oversees all aspects of projects from marketing and contract negotiations to resource allocation and client service/satisfaction.

In 1973, the year in which the firm became a professional corporation, it began to branch out overseas, building the American International School in Vienna, Austria. Today, overseas projects extend throughout Europe,

and into India, the Middle East, Australia, and China, where the Shanghai office opened two years ago.

By the mid-1970s the firm was beginning to get noticed, ranking 308 out of the top 500 architectural firms in terms of revenue by Engineering News-Record. Bob Hillier was one of the youngest architects to be elected to the American Institute of Architects College of Fellows. Around the same time, the firm hired Barbara A. Weinstein (later Barbara Hillier), an award winning architectural and interior designer. Ms. Hillier's design of the Abbe Science Center at the Solebury School was recently featured in Architectural Record and her projects have been published in Interior Design and Contract magazines.

In 1978, when Finn Caspersen (former CEO of Beneficial Corporation) wanted a company headquarters that would impart the feeling of a village community to those who worked there, he turned to Hillier Architecture, whose corporate "campus" design became a prototype for similar projects across the country.

In Princeton, Hillier's 1979 Markham Square conversion of an 1888 house into two new condominiums with ten others on site won the First Honor Award in the Homes for Better Living Design competition sponsored by the AIA.

During the late 1980s the firm weathered the economic

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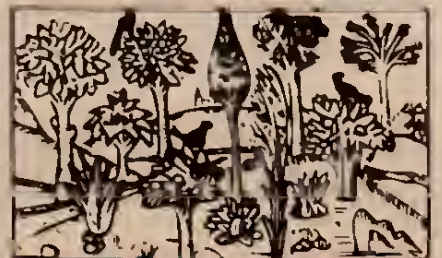
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## 40th Anniversary

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recession and celebrated its first 20 years by moving into new headquarters at 500 Alexander Park, where it remains today.

In 1987, the New Jersey Society of Architects presented the team with three design awards. In the same year, the firm undertook an addition to Forbes College at Princeton University. The addition integrated existing buildings into a single complex to create the second undergraduate residential college at the University.

The firm's design team has spearheaded adaptive re-use of old and often run-down city center buildings such as the turn-of-the-last-century bank designed by Stanford White in Center City, Philadelphia, turning it into the Ritz-Carlton Hotel. Dr. George C. Skarmas, managing principal of both the Philadelphia regional office and the Historic Preservation Studio, has worked to restore national historic buildings such as the U.S. Supreme Court building, the Virginia State Capitol Building, and Lincoln Cottage. Princeton Public Library

Libraries too, have become a specialty of the firm, which has more than 80 designs around the globe, not least of which is Princeton's own Public Library (PPL). With some 75 academic, research, medical, and public libraries to his credit, Hillier's Joseph C. Rizzo, is an expert in this field. He's written extensively on the reinvention of the modern library in articles such as "Ten Ways to Look at a Library," for American Library magazine, and "Hungry Minds, Cybercafés: The Information Age Library." With PPL Director Leslie Burger, he co-wrote "Focus Groups and Veteran Librarians Gain Inspiration From Surroundings."

Lead designer Nicholas P. Garrison also brought his expertise in museums, libraries and university buildings to the Princeton Public Library.

In 2002, the nationally known designer of hospitals and healthcare facilities, Gregory J. Wieland, joined Hillier. Mr. Wieland is currently design lead on UMDNJ's University Hospital Cancer Center in Newark, the University of South Alabama Cancer Institute, and the Louisiana Cancer Research Center.

Three years ago, in a New York Times article highlighting local work such as Bowen Hall, Princeton University's materials science laboratory and studio apartments built out of an old truck garage, The New York Times (Nov.

30, 2003) profiled Bob Hillier as "The Understated Face of Princeton." Besides serving as the firm's President and Chairman, Mr. Hillier (who is also a minority owner of Town Topics) teaches at Princeton University School of Architecture.

Today, the firm is known for environmental and energy saving designs for projects that incorporate solar and geothermal energies; it built the first solar powered building for a New Jersey municipality. Its growth in the area of adaptive re-use, is exemplified by the recent conversion of a former school building on Quarry Street for use as The Waxwood apartments. Hillier has also proposed plans for the existing University Medical Center at Princeton site and submitted design proposals for the Princeton Regional School's Valley Road Building.

The firm actively promotes the design talents of each of its principals: Marty M. Bloomenthal lectures annually on professional practice topics

at Princeton University's Graduate School of Architecture; Philippe C. Dordai speaks on sustainable design and environmental responsibility and has appeared in global media discussing ways to use architecture to boost health.

In so doing, the firm has garnered numerous awards, including the inaugural Da Vinci Award for lifetime achievement from the Society of Management of Professional Services.

While it may not have developed one signature style that's as instantly recognizable as that of contemporary architects Michael Graves, Richard Meier, and Frank Gehry, the firm remains true to its founding vision of creating "an original design for every client."

As Mr. Hillier comments in the interview on the next page: "our buildings celebrate the client and not the architect."

— Linda Arntzenius

For on interview with Bob Hillier, see page 18.

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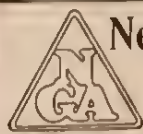
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## Interview with Bob Hillier

A Town Topics Q&A on the Occasion of  
Hillier Architecture's 40th Anniversary

**Town Topics:** References to popular culture and historical events are made throughout the firm's "Four Decades of Design" booklet. In what way do current events inform the firm's designs and/or success?

**BH:** Architecture is very much a reflection of its time. Sociological, philosophical, economic and demographic forces all work to determine what society wants and needs to be built. Small example: during the Viet Nam war Lyndon Johnson determined that young Americans should go to college or go to war. That set off a huge construction boom on campuses. Politics was driving architecture. We had created a dormitory that was inexpensive, had been celebrated for its design and could be built in very short time. That dormitory put us on many of the campuses on the east coast and led to us today having over 125 colleges and universities in our roster of clients.

**Town Topics:** Your first clients were Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Large of Princeton. Looking back, was there some creative problem-solving that you met on that project that has been significant in the firm's development?

**BH:** The fun of that house was building on the boulder field that runs through the woods north of Coventry Farm and doing the house as a sculptural shape that was in scale with the boulders and the mature woods. We ended up designing seven modern houses on Stuart Road when most people were building shuttered "four over four" fake colonial houses.

**Town Topics:** Is there a highlight of your career in terms of being an architect, some challenge you dealt with successfully?

**BH:** Each project no matter how large or small presents a fresh challenge and opportunity — that's what gets me going in the morning. One great challenge was building the entire new campus for Bryant University in Rhode Island. We beat out the best firms in the country by promising to deliver the campus in 26 months from the date we were hired. We got it done and twenty years later Bryant gave me an honorary degree for the endeavor.

**Town Topics:** What other design firms do you admire? Does Bob Hillier have a guru, mentor, guiding light or principle?

**BH:** The firms I admire are Skidmore Owings and Merrill (SOM), Frank Gehry, Norman Foster, and Michael Graves. My best mentors over the years have been my wife and partner Barbara, who is also a Principal in the firm, Ray Bowers, Jean Labatut, Herb Kendall, Jan Leschly (all local) Finn Caspersen, and Albert Dorman who was the Chairman of DMJM, one of the biggest firms in the world.

**Town Topics:** Is there a local or a global project that has given you particular pleasure?

**BH:** The most pleasurable project locally has been the Princeton Public Library [for which] an entire cast of just the right people came together to create an amazing environment. The public reaction has been most gratifying.

The greatest global project is the world headquarters that we designed for Glaxo Smith Kline which you cannot avoid seeing by any route from downtown London to Heathrow Airport or when landing at the airport. We were designing the building for Smith Kline when they merged with Glaxo. Many give the community aspect of the interior of the building credit for bringing these two huge, previously competitive firms together as one pharmaceutical powerhouse.

**Town Topics:** What would you be doing if you were not heading this team of architects?

**BH:** I can't imagine — teaching and very distinctive development projects — both of which I do now. I have not yet learned how to spell retirement.

**Town Topics:** Architecture blends science and technology with artistic creativity into a unique discipline — was there something in your upbringing that fostered this?

**BH:** My mother was a painter and floral designer who owned three flower shops in Princeton. My father was the director of research for RCA and ran the Sarnoff Laboratories. He was also an amazing renderer in pastels. There you have the art and the science — I was good at math and loved building sets for plays in high school and later at McCarter and dance decorations for the big proms.

**Town Topics:** What does it take to grow a successful firm of architects, beyond the talent and skills of the architects?

**BH:** A sense of demographics, and understanding how they translate into needs for buildings. Then it takes a marketing plan that creates an awareness of what you are capable of doing and then it takes salesmanship to specifically listen to and hear the needs of the client and explain how you will meet those needs better than the next firm. Currently we have 325 employees and growing.

**Town Topics:** Is it possible to characterize the manner in which the firm's designs have changed over four decades?

**BH:** Design has definitely changed over the years as have styling in cars, clothes, and just about everything we touch. For better or for worse, as a firm, we have not developed a single architectural language as have Michael Graves, Richard Meier, or Frank Gehry. Instead, we have let each of the design talents in the firm blossom with their own individual style.

That said, we do, as an overarching philosophy, insist that each building represent its program, in meeting the specific needs of the client, and that it be of its place and of its time. This philosophy leads to buildings that are contextual on their sites and represent the client while still adhering to the highest architectural standards. In the end our buildings celebrate the client and not the architect.

**Town Topics:** Is there a milestone moment in terms of business growth and success (or perhaps a turning point)?

**BH:** Actually there are two: In 1967 Herb Kendall (of Kendall Park fame) asked me to design a new kind of dormitory for Fairleigh Dickinson University which was having difficulty getting dorms built within their budget. It was that dormitory, radical in design at the time, that put us on the map, with college and university work; and in 1978 Finn Caspersen asked us to design the headquarters for his company. He was very specific in that he did not want a "corporate aircraft carrier" but instead a village that would make the workplace feel more like home. He pointed out that he had three generations of families working for him and that 54 percent of the staff were women. That called for a softer, gentler place to work.

**Town Topics:** What is effective workplace design and why is it important?

**BH:** An effective workspace is one that encourages communication, has good natural light, and gives each worker a sense of the greater whole to which they belong — as in belonging to a community or village. The Dilbert character's work environment is the antithesis of what we stand for in the design of the workplace.

Design of the workplace is important because it matters on the bottom line. Great places to work have fewer employee sick days, higher productivity, lower attrition, and better customer service because people feel better about themselves and about the company for whom they work.

**Town Topics:** What is adaptive re-use and why is it important?

**BH:** Adaptive reuse is taking an old building whose original use is now obsolete and giving it a new life and a new purpose through design. Buildings are like human bodies, the skin and the bones last a long time but the "mechanical systems" (heart, lungs, nerves) eventually wear out. The structure and the walls of a building are good for at least 100 years but the internal systems start needing serious work after about 20 to 30 years, at about the time the needs of the occupants have changed so much that they need a change of venue. The Waxwood was a school for African American children, then in 1966 it became a nursing home, now, in 2006 it is a highly desirable condominium complex. The same should happen to the Princeton Hospital building.

Adaptive reuse is important because it maintains historic buildings that enrich our environment. It is good for the environment because it does not throw away materials and structures that still have value. Why throw an old building down a hole in a landfill only to have to spend the energy to create new material to replace it?

**Town Topics:** How important for the firm is that it have a presence in China?

**BH:** China is a "happening place." There is more construction going on there at an unimaginable pace as the country moves from a rural to an industrial country. It is fun to be part of the creation of a country literally, in some places, from scratch. Where in this world or in a career do you get to design an entertainment district of seven square miles or a university for 50,000 students and see it built in less time than it would take to get a planning board approval in New Jersey — yes, that fast!

Right now American architects have a lot to offer China in design and know-how, but the time will come when the Chinese students now studying in the architectural schools in the United States will have their own firms with that design sophistication and technical know-how. We will move one...probably to India.

**Town Topics:** What is next for the firm?

**BH:** India...and on the East Coast, a number of Smart Growth "Transit Villages" that are now on the boards...these will lead to a new "old-fashioned" lifestyle that will be very exciting and environmentally beneficial.

**Town Topics:** Is the firm planning any event in celebration of its 40th anniversary?

**BH:** We are spending Saturdays helping at Habitat for Humanity sites in Trenton, Philadelphia, and New York. We are sponsoring a Chamber of Commerce event and foreign work exhibit in our atrium in September, and in October we are having a client reception where President Shirley Tilghman has agreed to speak. In December we are having a big bash just for ourselves — a black tie event to cap off a wonderful 40th year.

Interview by Linda Arntzenius





**'WEST 55TH STREET':** In this photograph Lionel Goodman has shot a cafe scene against the background of inanimate buildings across the street. His work is part of the Princeton Photography Club's Annual Members Exhibition from May 26 to July 2 at the Montgomery Center for the Arts.

### Arts Council Presents Photography Exhibit

The conTEMPORARY Art Center in the Princeton Shopping Center is hosting an exhibit featuring the work of photographer Thomas E. Sullivan. "Before Their Time" will open with a reception and a talk by the artist on Thursday, May 25, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The exhibition will run through June 17.

"Before Their Time" is an ongoing documentary project recording commemorative murals in North Philadelphia. Philadelphia has a mural arts tradition exemplified by decorative, historical and multi-cultural murals. Surrounding the officially sanctioned public arts projects are two unsanctioned forms. The first is graffiti, an illegal form of public art of the most daring kind, and like all artistic achievement one with varying degrees of success. A second category of unofficial public art consists of memento mori murals. Many, though not all, commemorate the death of young men. They often do not dwell on facts but instead serve as a reminder of a community member's death and reflect public statements of private grieving.

According to Mr. Sullivan, "This documentary project

began by chance. I was working on a graffiti project when I happened to catch sight of what first appeared to be another graffiti-covered wall. To my surprise it was a commemorative wall on the side of a storage facility. What most impressed me was the fact that it was over ten years old and had not been defaced or written over."

Mr. Sullivan was intrigued by the "young faces...hidden behind the images. Were they criminals, gang members or innocent bystanders? In some cases we can tell through the iconography in the murals and in other cases there is no clue. In contrast, there are the tender memorials to parents and grandparents."

Gallery hours are Monday to Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The gallery is located next to Eckerd in the Princeton Shopping Center. For more information, visit [www.artscouncilofprinceton.org](http://www.artscouncilofprinceton.org) or call (609) 924-8777, ext 105.

### Photography Club Plans Members Exhibit

The Montgomery Center for the Arts will present the Princeton Photography Club's Annual Members Exhibition from May 26 to July 2. A reception, open to the public,

will be held on Sunday, June 4 from 2 to 4 p.m., with a Gallery Talk at 2 p.m. by participating artists.

An estimated 40 to 50 photographs will be in the show, including both traditional and digital processes and prints.

One of the photographers whose work will be on display is Professor Emeritus of Physical Chemistry at Rutgers University Lionel Goodman, whose interest in photography began three years ago when his wife presented him with a digital camera and a trip to a photography festival in Arles, France as a birthday gift. He is interested in taking photographs that explore connections, contradictions and ambiguities. Many of his images involve people, some candid, some posed.

Exhibitions at the Montgomery Center for the Art are supported by a grant from the New Jersey State Council for the Arts through the Somerset County Cultural and Historic Commission.

Founded in 1983, the Princeton Photography Club is a group of local professional and amateur photographers interested in art education and growth. The Club provides an environment where members meet to exchange ideas and information and to share phi-

losophies.

The Montgomery Center for the Arts is located at 124 Montgomery Road in Skillman. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

For additional information call (609) 921-3272 or visit the website: [www.montgomerycenterforthearts.com](http://www.montgomerycenterforthearts.com).

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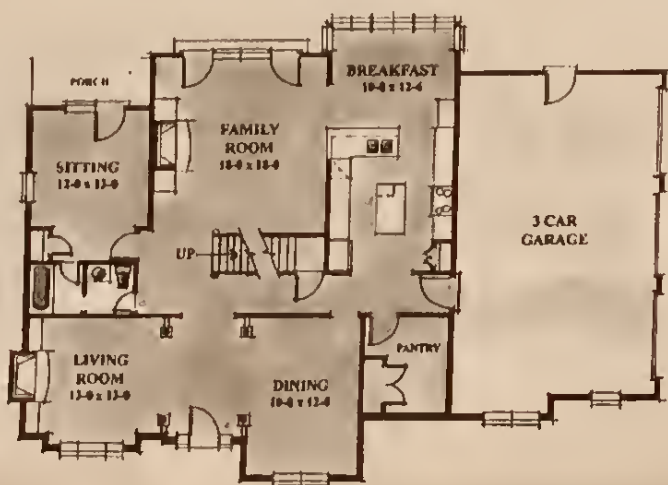
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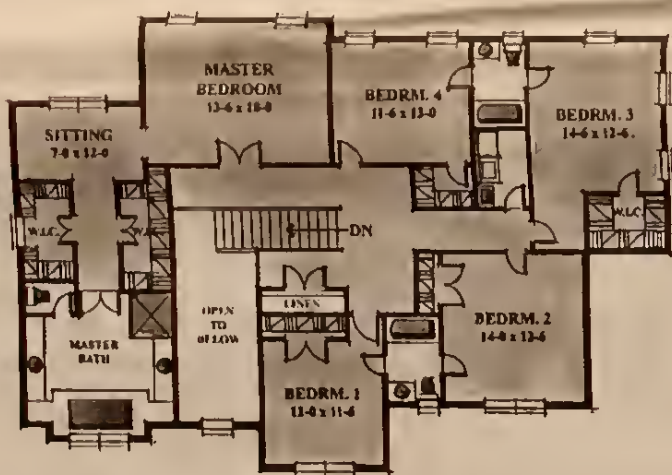


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## AREA EXHIBITS

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**A.R.T.space Gallery**, 53 Hulfish Street in Princeton, A.R.T.space Gallery will celebrate its 10th anniversary with an exhibition, "In The Beginning," featuring the first paintings created using A.R.T.'s revolutionary techniques. The show will run through June 23.

**Buck's Ice Cream and Espresso Bar** in Lambertville is hosting "Experiments: Recent Paintings by Eugene Gladston," through May 31.

**Coryell Gallery** in Lambertville is exhibiting cityscapes and landscapes by Marge Chavooshian and Nancy Silvia for the Annual Spring Exhibition through May 28. The gallery is at the Porkyard, 8 Coryell Street in Lambertville. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 12 noon to 5 p.m.

**Gallery 14**, 14 Mercer Street in Hopewell, is presenting a joint exhibition by two Gallery 14 members, Tasha O'Neill and Martin Schwartz. The exhibit will run through May 28. The gallery is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 12 noon to 5 p.m. and by appointment.

**Grounds for Sculpture's** Toad Hall Shop & Gallery is currently presenting "Driven: Kinetic Sculpture by Jeff Kahn and Rein Triefeldt" through July 15, 2006. Hours are Tuesday through Sunday, from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Grounds for Sculpture is located at 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. Hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call (609) 586-0616, or visit [www.groundsforsculpture.org](http://www.groundsforsculpture.org).

**Henderson/Sotheby's International Realty** at 34 Chambers Street in Princeton is presenting a retrospective of paintings by Gilda K. Aronovic through June 23. Gallery hours are daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**The Historical Society of Princeton** is currently exhibiting, "U.S. Presidents: Famous Faces in Princeton Places," and "The Windmill Turns Slowly: Photographs

of the Updike Farm," on view through summer 2006. Museum hours are Tuesday through Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. For more information, call (609) 921-6748.

**The Montgomery Center for the Arts** will present the Princeton Photography Club's Annual Members Exhibition from May 26 to July 2. A reception, open to the public, will be held on Sunday, June 4 from 2 to 4 p.m., with a Gallery Talk at 2 p.m. by participating artists.

**Morven Museum** is presenting "Capturing the Spirit: Virginia Snedeker and the American Scene," its first exhibit of fine art, which will run through November 26.

**The Princeton Day School** is featuring works by sculptors Dana Stewart, Harry Gordon, and Elizabeth McCue in a recently installed sculpture park on the grounds of the main campus. The display will be on view until June 15, 2006. The school is at 650 the Great Road, Princeton.

**The Princeton University Art Museum** is presenting a major exhibition, "Mirfskusstva: Russia's Age of Elegance," which will be on view through June 11. "Worldly Guardians of the Buddhist Law," an exhibition of handscrolls, will be on view at the Princeton University Art Museum through July 9. The exhibition, "Andy Warhol: Electric Chair," will run through June 25.

**Riverrun Gallery** at 287 South Main Street in the Laceworks in Lambertville is presenting Paul Matthews's exhibit, "Double Portraits — A Retrospective," through May 31.

**Small World Coffee** in Princeton will be exhibiting the collages of Vicky Culver throughout the month of May.

**The Trenton City Museum** at Ellarslie Mansion

in Cadwalader Park and the Trenton Museum Society are presenting the Ellarslie Open XXIV, "The Best of the Best," through June 11.

**Triumph Brewing Company**, 138 Nassau Street in downtown Princeton, is set to present an exhibit of photographs by local artist Wendy Vroom. It will run through July 10.

**The University Medical Center at Princeton** is hosting an art exhibition by local siblings Jennifer and Eric Hamel.

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## Calendar

### Wednesday, May 24

2 and 8 p.m.: *Into the Woods*; Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope, Pa. Also Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 4 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

7:30 p.m.: Township Zoning Board of Adjustment; Township Municipal Complex.

7:30 p.m.: *Ridiculous Froud*; McCarter Theatre. Also Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 3 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

### Thursday, May 25

8 p.m.: Folksingers Bliggins & Golnes; Grounds For Sculpture, Hamilton.

8 p.m.: *A Stone Carver*; Mill Hill Playhouse, Trenton. Also Friday at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 3 p.m.

### Friday, May 26

8 p.m.: *Out of Order*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

8 and 10:30 p.m.: Comedians James P. Connolly and Rick Colon; Catch A Rising Star Comedy Club, Hyatt Regency Hotel. Also Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

### Saturday, May 27

8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Township Municipal Complex.

Rotary Club of Princeton Annual Pancake Breakfast; Palmer Square.

10 a.m.: Spirit of Princeton Memorial Day Parade; Nassau Street.

6:30 p.m.: "Pops at the Pub" with The Two of Us; Halo Pub, Hulfish Street.

7 p.m.: Ron Kraemer Duo; Hopewell Valley Vineyards, 46 Yard Road, Pennington.

### Sunday, May 28

11 a.m., 2 p.m., and 3 p.m.: Estate Park and Nature Tour; Duke Farms, Hillsborough. For reservations call (908) 722-3700.

### Monday, May 29

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6:30 p.m.: "Pops at the Pub" with Cam & John blues band; Halo Pub, Hulfish Street.

### Tuesday, May 30

7:30 p.m.: *Ridiculous Froud*; McCarter Theatre. Also Wednesday through Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 3 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 and 7:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, May 31

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2 and 8 p.m.: *Into the Woods*; Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope, Pa. Also Thursday at 2 and 8 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 4 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

### Thursday, June 1

7:30 p.m.: Regional Planning Board of Princeton; Township Municipal Complex.

8 p.m.: *Aff My Sons*; Hamilton Murray Theatre, Murray-Dodge Hall. Also Friday and Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m.

8 p.m.: *A Stone Carver*; Mill Hill Playhouse, Trenton. Also Friday at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 3 p.m.

### Friday, June 2

6:30 p.m.: Fourth Annual Alumni and Friends Theatre Evening; Student Center and Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College.

7 p.m.: Stretto Youth Chamber Orchestra of Princeton; Slackwood Presbyterian Church, Lawrenceville. Free.

8 p.m.: *Out of Order*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: Comedian Kathy Griffin; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

8 p.m.: Princeton University Triangle Club's Excess Holfywood; McCarter Theatre. Also Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: *Lucky Stiff*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 to 10 p.m.: Dance Improv, Live, Movement Workshop; All Saints' Church.

8 and 10:30 p.m.: Comedians Randy Lubas and Ray Pennetti; Catch A Rising Star Comedy Club, Hyatt Regency Hotel. Also Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

### Saturday, June 3

11 a.m.: "Maverick Cellist" David Darling; Roger S. Berlind Theatre.

2 and 4 p.m.: *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie and Other Story Books*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College.

3 and 8 p.m.: Princeton Garden Statesmen Chorus; Yvonne Theater, Rider University, Lawrenceville.

6:30 p.m.: "Pops at the Pub" with Richard Braytenbah Jazz Trio; Halo Pub, Hulfish Street.

7 p.m.: Darla Rich Quartet; Hopewell Valley Bistro, Hopewell.

7 p.m.: Yerbabuena Band; Pettoranello Gardens Amphitheater, Community Park North.

7:30 p.m.: Saturday Night Fights, "Night of Olympians"; Sovereign Bank Arena, Trenton.

8 p.m.: Kingston Women's Chorus; Kingston United Methodist Church, Kingston.

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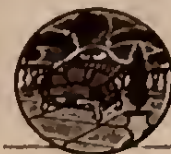
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## MUSIC AND THEATER



**AWARD HOPEFULS:** Princeton Day School students Amelia Baxter-Stolzfus, left, and Jeff Moll have been nominated for awards for their performances as Hope and Billy in the school's February production of "Anything Goes." Ms. Baxter-Stolzfus was nominated for Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role, Mr. Moll for Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role. In all, the show earned 13 nominations, more than any other high school in the State participating in the annual Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Awards.

### Princeton Day School's "Anything Goes" Is State's Leader in Award Nominations

The Princeton Day School Upper School production of *Anything Goes* has garnered more nominations than any of the other 110 New Jersey schools participating in the Paper Mill Playhouse annual Rising Star Awards. The awards recognize exceptional accomplishments in the production of New Jersey high school musicals.

*Anything Goes*, which played to standing-room-only audiences in February, featured performers in grades nine through 12. PDS students auditioned in November and worked for three months with the school's performing arts faculty prior to performing in McAneny Theater on the PDS campus. Students also handled stagecraft and lighting for the production.

The Rising Star awards are modeled after Broadway's Tony Awards, with nominations and winners selected by a corps of evaluators including

theatre professionals, performing artists, designers, and theatre arts educators who attend performances from January through April. The awards will be announced June 13.

"I'm always amazed by what our student actors are able to accomplish," said Ross Hindley, musical director and artist-in-residence for theater at PDS. "It's a huge honor to be recognized like this on the state level."

The 13 PDS nominations were for outstanding overall production of a musical, outstanding achievement by a teacher (Mr. Hindley), outstanding performance by an actress in a leading role (Alissa Crea), outstanding performance by an actor in a leading role (Jeff Moll), outstanding performance by an actress in a supporting role (Amelia Baxter-Stolzfus), outstanding performance by an

actor in a supporting role (Matt Weinstock), outstanding performance by a chorus, outstanding achievement in musical direction (Jerry Rife), outstanding achievement in choreography (Jim Ruttman), outstanding achievement in scenic design (Mr. Hindley), outstanding achievement in lighting design (Craig Stelzenmuller), outstanding achievement in costume design (Elizabeth Paine), outstanding achievement in hair and make-up design (Judy Desbrow), and honorable mention in outstanding performance by an actress in a supporting role (Hannah Tamminen).

Over the past ten years, Princeton Day School has received 11 Rising Star Awards and 37 nominations. The school is an independent, coeducational day school educating students from junior kindergarten through 12th grade.

### Kelsey Theatre to Offer Musical Comedy in June

A comedy, musical, and murder mystery rolled into one, *Lucky Stiff*, by lyricist Lynn Ahrens and composer Stephen Flaherty, will arrive at Mercer County Community College's Kelsey Theatre for a two-weekend run beginning Friday, June 2.

Performance dates will be Fridays and Saturdays, June 2, 3, 9, and 10 at 8 p.m., and Sundays, June 4 and 11 at 2 p.m. An opening night reception with the cast and crew in the theatre lobby will follow the June 2 performance.

The show will be presented by Maurer Productions OnStage.

Based on the Michael Butterworth novel, *The Man Who Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo*, the *Lucky Stiff* plot follows nerdy English shoe salesman Harry Witherspoon as he tries to win his multimillion dollar inheritance by taking his dead uncle's corpse to Monte Carlo for a final, fun-filled vacation. The journey includes guns, girls, mistaken identities, and glittering diamonds.

Ms. Ahrens and Mr. Flaherty are the award-winning creative team behind *Ragtime*, *Anastasia* and *Seussical*, the Musical.

The cast will include Jeff Ronan as Harry Witherspoon,



**STEPPING TO STARDOM:** Princeton Day School student Hannah Tamminen, center, as Erma in the school's February production of "Anything Goes," has been nominated for an Honorable Mention for Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role in the annual Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Awards, which recognize exceptional accomplishments in high school musicals. The awards will be announced June 13.



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## "Into the Woods" Begins Tonight in Bucks County

The Stephen Sondheim musical *Into the Woods* will begin tonight, May 24 and continue for two weeks through Sunday, June 4 at the Bucks County Playhouse in New Hope, Pa.

A blend of familiar fairy tales, *Into the Woods* brings together the characters of Cinderella and her Prince, Jack the Giant Killer, Little Red Ridinghood and the Wolf, Rapunzel, Snow White, and Sleeping Beauty. The musical introduces a baker and his wife who are on a quest to reverse a spell put on them by

an evil witch. As the musical progresses, the characters learn that "happily ever after" isn't always what it seems.

The show will be directed by Michael Licata, who directed *Gypsy* last season with Joyce DeWitt, and the season closer, *It's A Wonderful Life*.

Heading the cast are Playhouse veterans Tressa McCallister as Cinderella, Penny Larsen as Jack's Mother, and Jill Palena as Little Red Ridinghood.

Ms. McCallister appeared at Bucks last year as Maria in *The Sound of Music*, as Eliza in *My Fair Lady*, as Betty Blake in *The Will Rogers Follies*, and as Mary Bailey in *It's*

*A Wonderful Life*. Ms. Larsen returns to the Playhouse stage as Jack's Mother having just completed a national tour of *The Full Monty*. She has also been seen at the Playhouse as Golde in *Fiddler on the Roof*, Aunt Eller in *Okla!homol*, and Mrs. Paroo in *The Music Man*. Ms. Palena has performed at the Playhouse for the past five years in a variety of roles including the narrator in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and Janet in *The Rocky Horror Show*.

Performances are Wednesday at 2 and 8 p.m., Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 4 and 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. An additional matinee is scheduled for Thursday, June 1 at 2 p.m.

Tickets range from \$22 to \$24. A day of show discount is available to students ages 21 and under and all active military.

For information and reservations, call (215) 862-2041.

The Bucks County Playhouse is located at 70 South Main Street, New Hope.

## Dance and Theater Studio Schedules Spring Show

A full day of dancing will be offered by the Princeton Dance and Theater Studio (PDTS) on Sunday, June 4 at Montgomery Township High School in Skillman. At 1 and 4:30 p.m., the Studio will present its third annual Spring Dance workshop featuring *Sleeping Beauty*, Act III, "Aurora's Wedding." The workshops will then be followed at 7 p.m. by an Evening of Original Choreography program featuring works by students and open enrollment adult dance classes.

The performances will be held in the Auditorium of the new Montgomery High School at 1016 Route 601, Skillman.

Tickets for the two afternoon programs are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Tickets for the evening program are \$5 in advance or \$10 at the door. For more information or to order tickets, call (609) 514-1600.

Susan Jaffe, a co-founder and co-director of Princeton Dance and Theater Studio and former principal dancer with American Ballet Theater, has set Petipa's "Aurora's Wed-

ding" for advanced level students. The ballet division program titled *Little Wonders* will feature each level with works inspired by children's poetry, choreographed by Risa Kaplowitz, Christopher Martin, Laura Martin, Brannon Osburn, Justin Sherwood, and Dawn Um. The ballets will be set to the music of Frederick Chopin.

Ms. Kaplowitz is a Studio co-director and former principal dancer with the Dayton Ballet.

The workshop will also include other dance forms. Todd Shanks will choreograph a jazz number; Tom Mckle's choreography will show the latest hip-hop moves; Malanie Kalla will present a theater dance work; Karen Calloway Williams will present tap dancing; and Marie Alonzo Snyder will offer modern dance choreography.

The evening program will present choreography by Release Time students Rebecca Weng, Jessie Leclere, and Alexandra Powers. It will also feature students from Lisa Bottalico's Flamenco and Henri Velandia's Salsa Classes, and a collaborative Filipino and Flamenco fusion work.

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The Princeton University Triangle Club's popular show *Excess Hollywood* will return to McCarter Theatre for two encore performances on Friday, June 2 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, June 3 at 7:30 p.m.

A send-up of Hollywood and the Academy Awards, the satirical musical deals with a film studio's mad dash to create a new "Best Picture" contender in only four weeks. Somehow, there's room for Triangle's trademark all-male klick-line.

Said the reviewer for *Cabaret Scenes* magazine: "Excess Hollywood made me laugh harder and more often than most of the new shows I've seen in the past year, whether on Broadway, off-Broadway or regionally."

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## Summer Training Program Planned by Rep Company

The Princeton Rep Company/Princeton Rep Shakespeare Festival has announced that it will offer a professional training program for aspiring theatre professionals this summer, with a Shakespeare master class taught by theatre director Stuart Vaughan, founding artistic director of The New York Shakespeare Festival with Joseph Papp.

Mr. Vaughan has directed such acclaimed actors as Al Pacino, George C. Scott, Martin Sheen, Colleen Dewhurst, and Christopher Plummer, among others. An Obie award winner for Best Director, he

has also received numerous Tony awards for productions at The New York Shakespeare Festival.

The company's Repertory Apprentice Program (RAP) is one of only a handful of programs in the country providing hands-on experience to its students by including them in the professional productions that are part of the Princeton Rep Shakespeare Festival.

All RAP students will be exposed to professional artists who have been recognized as experts in a particular aspect of the theatre. They will train with theatre professionals in all areas of production, including acting, design, and stage and theatre management.

RAP includes a week of master classes, with a final scene showcase, and eight weeks of hands-on work at the Princeton Rep Shakespeare Festival at Pettoranello Gardens Amphitheatre.

The intensive course consists of The Method and The Classics taught by Mr. Vaughan, Movement for Actors taught by Kirstin Hara; Empowering the Actor taught by Brian Cichocki, and Stage Design taught by Timothy Amrhein.

Ms. Hara's credits include choreography for *As You Like It* for The Goodman Theatre, *The Odyssey* for The Goodman Theatre and McCarter Theatre, and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* for The Huntington Theatre in Boston. Mr. Cichocki's New York credits include Harold Pinter's *One For The Road* and *Godspell*. Mr. Amrhein has been the set designer for Princeton Rep since 2003; his set design for its production of *The Merry Wives of (West) Windsor* was selected by the Newark Star Ledger as "best set in the state."

The Repertory Apprentice Program will be overseen by Princeton Rep's Alexandra Hoge. The program is open to all students in Mercer County and the tri-state area. Applicants must be high school juniors and seniors.

The RAP program begins Monday, June 26 and runs through Tuesday, August 29. Tuition for the eight week program is \$500.

To schedule an interview or audition, call Alexandra Hoge at (609) 921-3682. Interviews for non-actors and auditions for actors will be scheduled for the week of June 12.

## Passage Theatre Plans 20th Anniversary Benefit

Trenton's Passage Theatre will celebrate its 20th anniversary with a performance by song stylist and cabaret star Mary Cleere Haran titled "Broadway and Beyond," on Saturday, June 10. The event will take place at 6:30 p.m. at

the Conduit Music Club, 439 South Broad Street, Trenton, and include cocktails prior to the show, a buffet supper, dessert following the performance, and a silent auction. Attire will be black tie.

All proceeds will benefit the Theatre's mainstage productions and education work at schools and community centers with Trenton's youth.

"Broadway and Beyond" will feature songs from Hollywood's "golden age" of movies — the '30s and '40s — in addition to songs by lyricists of that age written for the Broadway stage.

Ms. Haran's recent engagement at the Café Carlyle in New York prompted the New York Times to write, "Ms. Haran... inhabits lyrics so completely that virtually every

song in her show prompts a different Hollywood memory."

Comedienne and Passage Theatre board member Nancy Giles will serve as the evening's emcee. Best known locally for her one-woman shows *Notes of a Negro Neurotic* and *Black Comedy: The Wacky Side of Racism*, Ms. Giles is also a regular contributor to *CBS Sunday Morning*. She starred as Frankie Bunsen on TV's *Chino Beach*, and is a veteran of Chicago's Second City comedy troupe.

Preferred seating for the benefit will be \$175 per person or \$300 per couple, reserved seating \$125 or \$200 per couple. For more information or tickets, call Angela DuRoss at (609) 392-0766.

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## MUSIC REVIEW

### Princeton Girlchoir Ends Season with Rousing Demonstration of Resident Ensembles

In the seventeen years since Jan Westrick founded the Princeton Girlchoir, the organization has grown to offer choral opportunities to several age groups. The Grace Notes is an ensemble for the younger grades, Semi-Tones for middle schoolers and Concert Choir for those up to ninth grade. Girls in high school can audition for the Alumnae Cantores. The Princeton Girlchoir took the opportunity on Sunday afternoon to bring these ensembles together for the annual spring concert. The sight of a dance mat and drum set onstage showed promise of a varied and diverse program, and the afternoon did not disappoint the full house at Richardson Auditorium.

In a concert that was well-choreographed in moving a number of ensembles on and off stage, the various choruses which make up the Girlchoir showed their best. None of the repertoire was particularly heavy-duty, with the most "classical" piece being a short work of Claude Debussy. The "lighter" second half ventured into Broadway and close harmony arrangements.

The Princeton Girlchoir Ensemble, conducted by Ms. Westrick, demonstrated the zenith of the organization's vocal pedagogy with a processional of Alice Parker's arrangement of the tune *Hark! I Hear the Horps Eternal*. Based on intervals of fourths and fifths, this piece worked well for the girls' voices and the twenty members of the Ensemble (the cream of the Concert Choir) exhibited well-tuned triads and chords.

The fifty-plus members of the Grace Notes, conducted by Toby Simon, may not have sounded as vocally mature as the older girls, but were no less in tune for their set of unison and two-part selections. As with the nearly fifty members of the Semi-tones (conducted by Rebecca Elpus), there was a strong focus on uniformity of vowel and vocal blend. Two Semi-Tone soloists, Kristen Kane and Lauren McGinley, were notable in Michael Mendoza's arrangement of Hush You Bye. The French text of Debussy's *Noel des enfants qui n'ont plus de maison* was clearly well-ingrained into the Semi-Tones' training and presentation.

The Concert Choir, also conducted by

Ms. Westrick, brought out the percussive effects of an unusual arrangement by David Maddux. Particularly exceptional was the alto sound, which was clean without wallowing in chest voice, which is tempting with girls this age. Joined by the Alumnae Cantores, the Concert Choir demonstrated a smooth homophonic line in Paul Halley's Celtic influenced *Untroveled Worlds*.

The second half drew most of its repertoire from Broadway, with a few guest artists. Soprano Patricia Phillips, currently appearing on Broadway in *The Phantom of the Opera*, performed several numbers from shows, including the lesser known *She Loves Me* by Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick. Although there was no apparent connection between Ms. Phillips and the Girlchoir, the girls clearly enjoyed their association with a Broadway star, and Ms. Phillips demonstrated solid cross-over technique and training between classical and Broadway. She impressively sang without a mike, clearly unnecessary in the acoustics of Richardson, but unusual nonetheless for Broadway singers these days.

A number of the other lighter selections were close harmony arrangements showing the choirs' ability to tune and sing with precise diction. The younger Grace Notes had Gilbert & Sullivan's *Three Little Moids from School* well in hand, and the Alumnae Cantores, in their rendition of *Stormy Weather*, were able to be more vocally individualistic. Notable student soloists and conductors included singers Jackie Buttolph, Reva Geier, Natalie Heker and Katie Krampf and conductors Lauren Torres and Shilpi Roongta. A tap-dancing quintet accompanied the full choral rendition of a selection from *42nd Street*.

The impact the Princeton Girlchoir has on these young women was clearly seen in the 9th graders' gift back to Jan Westrick — an original composition by Girlchoir member Abigail Borah entitled *A Piece of Me*. The three-part arrangement showed not only solid vocal training among the small group of singers, but also their commitment and appreciation for a program which, at a minimum, instills a life-long appreciation of music.

—Nancy Plum

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### Two June Concerts Set At Pettoranello Gardens

The non-profit organization Blue Curtain, in conjunction with the Princeton Recreation Department, will return to the Community Park North Amphitheater for two concerts on the first two Saturday evenings in June. On June 3, Latin music will fill the air at the Pettoranello Gardens amphitheater; the June 10 concert will feature Chris Harford and the Band of Changes, along with the Michael Gregory Band from Massachusetts and Steve Northeast of New York City.

The concerts will start at 7 p.m.; admission will be free. Rain dates for each concert are the following day.

Curtis Webster and Stephen Allen are the co-founders of Blue Curtain, a Princeton-based non-profit devoted to the performing arts. "Part of our mission is to bring together audiences and performing artists who care about original and culturally diverse music and dance," said Mr. Webster.

"We were amazed at the enthusiastic response and turnout last summer for our first two concerts in September," Mr. Allen added. "We thought it would take some time before people found out about Blue Curtain, but the parking lot filled up for both shows. It was very encouraging so we've doubled the number of shows this year." Blue Curtain will also host two shows in September, he said.

The Alborada Dance Company, originally scheduled to appear on June 3, will not perform as planned because the stage will not be ready in time. However, the Puerto Rican group Yerabuena will perform as scheduled. Led by

singer-composer Tato Torres, the group comprises musicians, singers, and dancers from the New York City area who perform a participatory program of bomba, plena, and musica jibara.

The June 10 performances will feature the original music of Princeton native Chris Harford and the Band of Changes. The band includes Dean Ween, Dave Drelwitz, and Claude Coleman, all members of the New Hope rock band Ween. Mr. Harford's latest album, *Looking Out for Number 6*, was released May 19 on Chocodog Records.

Also performing on June 10 will be the singer-guitarist Michael Gregory, performing his original rock/soul/jazz music. At the age of 21, Mr. Gregory "was already one of the most original jazz guitarists to emerge since the sixties," said Rolling Stone magazine.

Mr. Northeast, an Australian singer-songwriter on the same bill with Mr. Gregory, currently lives and performs in New York City. Blending rock, pop, and soul, he plays at New York's The Bitter End, Arlene's Grocery, Planos, C.B.G.B.'s Gallery, Maxwell's, Kenny's Castaway, Elbow Room, and The Cornelia Street Café.

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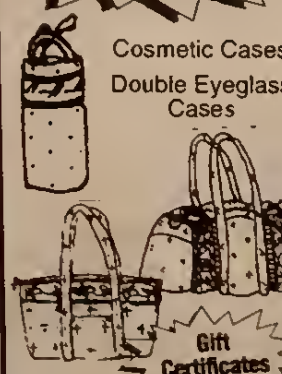
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### Reunion Party Planned By Princeton Girlchoir

The Princeton Girlchoir (PGC) will host its first annual Alumnae Reunion on Sunday, June 4 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in Princeton. Alumnae are invited to attend the event to re-connect with old friends, sing some PGC favorites, and spend time with the choir's founder and artistic director Jan Westrick.

The reunion is part of a new PGC alumnae network that will include an online directory and alumnae news page on the PGC website ([www.princetongirlchoir.org](http://www.princetongirlchoir.org)). Women who were once part of the choir are encouraged to register on the website. Those planning to attend the reunion are asked to call (609) 688-1888 to confirm their attendance.

The Princeton Girlchoir is currently in its 17th year of providing girls with choral education and performance opportunities. Many of the girls who once sang in the choir have founded a cappella groups in their colleges and continue to make singing an important part of their lives.

The Princeton Girlchoir was originally composed of the Concert Choir for girls in grades 6 through 9. Since then it has expanded to include the Grace Notes, the Semi-Tones, the PGC Ensemble, and the Alumnae Cantors for girls in grades 10 through 12 who have graduated from the Concert Choir. The choirs perform annually in the winter and spring, and sing at community events throughout the year. For more information, call (609) 688-1888.



**TOURING SINGERS:** Graduating 9th grade members of the Princeton Girlchoir's Concert Choir — from left, Lizzie Henderson of Princeton, Dana Modzelewski of New Hope, Pa., and Hayley Shoener of Pennington — had reasons to smile when this picture was taken in Halle, Germany, last July during the choir's summer tour. The Girlchoir is now planning its first annual alumnae reunion on Sunday, June 4.

Philadelphia jazz scene, having worked at such clubs as Ortleb's, Chris's Jazz, and Zanzibar Blue. He has toured throughout the country as a bandleader, sideman, and clinician.

The second concert, on Tuesday, June 13, will feature Kool and the Gang trombonist Clifford Adams, a Trenton native, and his jazz trio.

The schedule for the rest of the summer will be as follows: June 20, Ernie White and Tom Roeck Acoustic Duo; June 27, Wenonah Brooks; July 11, Dennis Rogers Jazz band; July 18, "Lady D" Doreleena Sammons-Posey; July 25, Sun Dog country-rock band; August 1, blues/jazz singer Doris Spears; August 8, The Ron Kramer Duo; August 15, pianist Vance Villastrigo; August 22, John Jackson's R&B/jazz band; August 29, Tim Conley jazz band; September 12, Cedric Jensen jazz band.

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For more than 40 years, The Temptations have prospered with a series of smash hits and acted as American ambassadors with sold-out performances throughout the world. From *My Girl* to *Popa Was a Rolling Stone* to *Treat Her Like a Lady*, the group has enjoyed success over four decades.

In their most recent album, *Reflections*, released in January, The Temptations performed some classics they had never previously recorded, putting a fresh spin on 15 of Motown's greatest songs. Joining Otis Williams, an original Temptation, in the group will be lead vocalists Terry Weeks and Ron Tyson; G.C. Cameron, formerly of the Spinners; and Joe Hemdon, considered one of the best basses of the genre.

The Four Tops, one of the most successful pop vocal acts

to record for Motown Records in the 1960s, was formed in Detroit in 1953 by lead singer Levi Stubbs Jr., Renaldo "Obie" Benson, Lawrence Payton, and Abdul "Duke" Fakir when they were still in high school. They recorded for several labels before signing with Motown in 1963. The group's first hit, *Baby, I Need Your Loving*, was followed by *I Can't Help Myself (Sugar Pie, Honey Bunch)*, *It's the Same Old Song*, and *Bernadette*. In 1999, two of the original Four Tops members, Messrs. Benson and Fakir, were joined by Theo Peoples and Ronnie McNair, who have been performing together ever since.

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### Memory Loss:

### Normal Aging or Alzheimer's Disease?

By Roger Behar, M.D.

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Memory loss is a common complaint and a cause of great worry and fear for many people. While some are simply experiencing the normal memory loss of aging, others are exhibiting signs of dementia.

As baby boomers age, complaints of memory loss will become more prevalent. In 2000, 4.5 million people were diagnosed with dementia, while 15 million are expected to be diagnosed in 2050. The challenge facing physicians today is to rule out the normal memory loss of aging and diagnose those with dementia so treatment can begin as soon as possible.

After age 40, memory begins to decline. It becomes harder to recall recent information and learn new procedures. We are not as good as we once were at finding our way to unfamiliar places, learning new skills, multi-tasking, and decision making. While one or more of these often declines in normal aging, the decline does not prevent us from performing our jobs and functioning normally.

Mild Cognitive Impairment, or MCI, can be described as having very poor short term memory only. For example, someone with MCI may have no recollection of a conversation they had a few minutes ago. People with MCI retain their long-term memory, along with the ability to make decisions, judgments, and perform practical skills. MCI is considered a potential harbinger of dementia. With dementia, memory loss is accompanied by loss of other mental functions: language, judgment, initiative, direction finding, etc., to the

point where the person can no longer continue working or live without the assistance of others.

Alzheimer's Disease (AD) is one type of dementia, and in fact comprises 80% of all dementias. The rates of failure to recognize AD are staggering. 97% of people with mild dementia go undiagnosed, and 50% of people with moderate dementia go undiagnosed. Early diagnosis is crucial. Catching AD early can allow the patient to make their own choices in advance planning, such as living wills and power-of-attorney. Early diagnosis can also safeguard against accidents while driving or at home, and can prevent patients from falling prey to scams that exploit the elderly. There is good evidence that early treatment can also delay loss of function and placement in nursing homes by two years, allowing people to keep their loved ones at home as long as possible.

Some things look like dementia but are in fact treatable and reversible conditions, such as extra fluid on the brain, vitamin deficiencies, infections, etc. We at Princeton and Rutgers Neurology do a thorough workup to analyze the cause of memory loss (i.e., normal aging, MCI or AD) and to exclude treatable disorders that mimic dementia. Once that is accomplished we put patients on the most up-to-date medications available. Patients with AD require long-term treatment with the doctor, patient, spouse or family working together as a team to maintain the quality of life and dignity we all deserve.

### "Concerts on the Landing"

### Returning to War Memorial

Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Trenton, has announced that its free summer concert series, *Concerts on the Landing*, will return for a fourth year beginning Tuesday, June 6. The weekly Tuesday concerts, from noon to 2 p.m., will take place on the steps of the War Memorial.

The concert series will feature local jazz, blues, and rock bands as well as cuisine from a variety of Mercer County restaurants.

The series will begin June 6 with jazz by Hamilton native Tom Tallitsch and food from La Cocina Criolla. Mr. Tallitsch is well known on the

### Temptations, Four Tops Coming to State Theatre

New Brunswick's State Theatre will present two legendary Motown groups, The Temptations and The Four Tops, on the same bill on Sunday, June 18 at 7 p.m. Tickets range from \$35 to \$75 for the concert, for which no dis-



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CINEMA REVIEW

The Da Vinci Code

Ron Howard Adapts Blasphemous, Biblical Best-Seller into Preposterous Potboiler

Ridiculed by academic scholars as riddled with inaccuracies and criticized by Christian theologians as blasphemous, *The Da Vinci Code* has, nonetheless, sold a phenomenal 50 million copies since its release in 2003. Furthermore, this controversial potboiler has remained on the best seller list despite author Dan Brown's having admitted to lifting both his central hypothesis and key plot elements from *The Holy Blood and the Holy Grail*, a book long since exposed as a hoax.

That reliance on fabrication didn't discourage Brown from prefacing his fanciful interpretation of Biblical history with the guarantee that "all descriptions of art-work, architecture, documents and secret rituals in this novel are accurate." Among the "truths" he goes on to reveal are such long-suppressed secrets as the fact that Christ married Mary Magdalene, had a child with her, and that their bloodline has survived to the present day.

Furthermore, this incendiary tome casts doubt on a fundamental tenet of Christianity by alleging that Jesus was just a mere mortal, and that the Catholic Church has, for centuries, gone to great lengths, even murder, to perpetuate the lies its faithful followers so fervently believe in. To that end, the Vatican has supposedly relied on a conservative hit squad, known as Opus Dei, to do all its dirty work.

This adaptation of Brown's popular page-turner sticks closely to the source material's preposterous premise. So again, we have a tall tale which rests upon a litany of pretentiously-presented, pseudo-scientific claptrap woven together in an insinuating fashion designed to appeal to paranoid conspiracy theory enthusiasts and the anti-Christian crowd.

However, because the movie is aimed at an audience with the level of sophistication of seventh or eighth graders, it induced plenty of inappropriate, unprovoked belly laughs from adults at the screening which this critic attended. The upshot is that *The Da Vinci Code* can't even be recommended solely for its sheer entertainment value as an escapist summer blockbuster, for this amateurish production is a dull crime caper which runs an hour too long and trades in tiring talk rather than compelling action sequences.

This comes as a surprise, given its \$125,000,000 budget and impressive crew, starting with producer Brian Grazer, director Ron Howard and scriptwriter Akiva

Goldsman, the same collaborating team which won Academy Awards for *A Beautiful Mind* in 2002. Here, the talented threesome fails to recapture any of their old magic, simultaneously squandering the services of a talented cast which includes two-time Oscar-winner Tom Hanks (for Philadelphia and Forrester Gump), Oscar-nominee Ian McKellen, Jean Reno, Alfred Molina and Jurgen Prochnow.

Hanks stars as protagonist Robert Langdon, a Harvard Professor of Religious Symbolism summoned to crack the case of the murder of The Louvre's museum curator Jacques Sauniere (Jean-Pierre Marielle). Langdon links up with Detective Sophie Neveu who conveniently happens to be the victim's adopted daughter. What the fetching Parisian flatfoot doesn't know is that she's also a direct descendant of Jesus and Mary Magdalene.

Sophie is played by Audrey Tautou whom you may remember as the endearingly innocent title character of *Amelie*. Unfortunately, Ms.



Paul Bettany (l) and Audrey Tautou star in Columbia Pictures' suspense thriller *The Da Vinci Code*.

Photo Credit: Simon Mein

Tautou displays none of that naïve charm in this outing, appearing overmatched by the English language in a performance which could have used subtitles under her often inscrutable dialogue.

Our heroes' nemesis is Silas (Paul Bettany), a self-flagellating albino ostensibly assigned by the Pontiff to make sure Sophie's lineage stays under wraps by any means necessary. The storyline is repeatedly bogged down by preachy pontificating most of which comes courtesy of Langdon. In a most condescending manner, he takes it upon himself to inform us via the doe-eyed Sophie exactly what each Pope-damning revelation and decoded clue means, as opposed to allowing us to interpret them on our own.

Who knows whether Dan Brown was motivated by a distaste for Catholicism or merely by money? Regardless, it seems dishonest for him to foist his debunked heresies on the gullible, unsuspecting public as if they're the God's honest truth, especially when he knows full well his work is pure fiction.

Review-proof revisionist history.

Poor (0 stars). PG-13 for sex, expletives, nudity, graphic violence, disturbing images and drug references. In English, French, and Latin with subtitles. Running time: 149 minutes. Studio: Columbia Pictures.

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# AT THE CINEMA

**Akeelah and the Bee** (PG for mild epithets). Keke Palmer stars in the title role in this inspirational tale about the efforts of a precocious 11 year-old from L.A.'s South Central ghetto to make it to the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. with the help of a mysterious mentor (Laurence Fishburne) and over the objections of her mother (Angela Bassett).

**Art School Confidential** (R for profanity, nudity, violence, and sexual references). Another offbeat offering from director Terry Zwigoff whose *Ghost World* was my choice as the best picture of 2003. Here, Max Minghella stars as a freshman art school student who falls in love with a model (Sophia Myles) he meets in his studio class.

**The Da Vinci Code** (PG-13 for sex, expletives, nudity, violence, drug references, and disturbing images). Director Ron Howard and scriptwriter Akiva Goldsman, Oscar-winners for *A Beautiful Mind*, collaborate again on this adaptation of Dan Brown's controversial best seller about a murder at the Louvre which leads to evidence of a centuries-long cover-up of cryptic codes containing ancient historical secrets which, if revealed, could shake the very foundation of Christianity. With Tom Hanks, Audrey Tautou, Ian McKellen, Alfred Molina, Paul Bettany and Jean Reno.

**Friends with Money** (R for sex, expletives and drug use). Female empowerment film about the relationship of a struggling ne'er-do-well (Jennifer Aniston) with three, life-long friends (Joan Cusack, Catherine Keener and Frances McDormand) whose once comfortable marriages are suddenly in crisis.

**Just My Luck** (PG-13 for sexual references). Romantic comedy starring Lindsay Lohan as the luckiest woman alive who mysteriously swaps fortunes with a lovable loser (Chris Pine) after kissing him at a masquerade ball one Friday.

**Keeping Up with the Steins** (PG-13 for nudity, crude language, and drug references). Dysfunctional family comedy about a 13 year-old (Daryl Sabara) Jewish boy from the upscale Brentwood section of Los Angeles whose parents (Jeremy Piven and Jamie Gertz) throw a lavish Bar Mitzvah bash in his honor more to keep up with the Joneses than for religious reasons.

**Kinky Boots** (PG-13 for profanity and mature themes). British comedy about a shoe factory heir (Joel Edgerton) who figures out how to revitalize the sinking family business when he befriends a black transvestite (Chiwetel Ejiofor) who comes up with the bright idea of catering to drag queens.

**Mission Impossible III** (PG-13 for action violence). Secret Agent Ethan Hunt (Tom Cruise) and sidekick Luther Stickell (Ving Rhames) return for another round of hi-tech, high-impact hijinks, squaring-off against a bloodthirsty arms dealer (Philip Seymour Hoffman). Cast includes Laurence Fishburne, Keri Russell and Billy Crudup.

**Over the Hedge** (PG for comic action and rude humor). CGI animated adaptation of the syndicated newspaper comic strip about a crafty raccoon (Bruce Willis) who helps a community of human-fearing creatures deal with the encroachment of suburbia upon their peacable nest. Featuring the distinctive voicework of Wanda Sykes, Steve Carrell, Eugene Levy, William Shatner, Nick Nolte and Allison Janney.

**Poseidon** (PG-13 for sequences of horror and peril). Oceanographic adventure veteran Wolfgang Peterson (*The Perfect Storm* and *Das Boot*) directs another aquatic disaster, a remake of *The Poseidon Adventure*, the 1972 classic about the effort of passengers to survive after their cruise ship is capsized by a tidal wave. Ensemble cast includes Josh Lucas, Kurt Russell, Andre Braugher, Emmy Rossum, Richard Dreyfuss, and Jacinda Barrett.

**R.V.** (PG for crude humor, sexual innuendo, and off-color language). Robin Williams and Cheryl Hines star in this road comedy about a dysfunctional family whose cross-country trip to Colorado in a camper turns out to be the summer vacation from Hell.

**See No Evil** (R for sex, expletives, drug use, gruesome action, and relentless gore). Horror film about eight delinquent teens assigned to do community service sprucing up a dilapidated hotel which happens to be home to a 7 ft., 400 lb. psychopath (Glen Jacobs.) with razor-sharp fingernails.

**Stick It** (PG-13 for crude language). Missy Peregrin stars in this sports film as a 17-year-old reformed rebel who returns to gymnastics with the help of a mentor (Jeff Bridges) after a run in with the law.

**Thank You for Smoking** (R for sex and expletives). Satirical comedy chronicles the efforts of a tobacco lobbyist (Aaron Eckhart) who tries to remain a role model to his 12 year-old son (Cameron Bright) knowing full well that the cigarettes he's promoting are lethal.

**United 93** (R for profanity, violence, and intense terror). Dramatic, real-time recreation of the 90-minute flight of the plane hijacked by terrorists on 9/11 which crashed in Shanksville, Pennsylvania after passengers attempted to retake the airliner before it could be flown into a target in Washington, D.C. With David Alan Basche as Todd "Let's Roll!" Beamer.

**Water** (Unrated). Feminist Deepa Mehta's final installment of her trilogy, also including *Fire* (1996) and *Earth* (1998), films that triggered riots and theater burnings before being banned for exploring incendiary political and religious themes like lesbianism and Hindu-Muslim romance. This film, set in the thirties during the rise of resistance to British rule, revolves around the relationship between a woman widowed at the age of eight and raised in an ashram and a suitor from a lower caste who's a devout follower of Mahatma Gandhi.

**X-Men: The Last Stand** (PG-13 for action violence). Final installment of the trilogy features the comic book super-heroes divided over whether to take the cure which will transform them from mutants into normal human beings or to retain their special powers and remain ostracized by society. Standoff leads to a showdown of epic proportions. Hugh Jackman (Wolverine), Halle Berry (Storm), Anna Paquin (Rogue), James Marsden (Cyclops), Rebecca Romijn (Mystique), Ian McKellen (Magneto), Famke Janssen (Phoenix), Shawn Ashmore (Iceman), Daniel Cudmore (Colossus), Aaron Stanford (Pyro) and Patrick Stewart (Dr. Charles Xavier) all reprise their roles.

—Kam Williams

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1. *The Producers*
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## Fri. 5/26 to Thurs. 6/1

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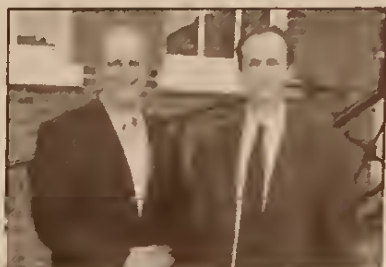
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## University Museum Director Susan M. Taylor Strengthens Museum's Role in the Community

I feel so very fortunate that my passion is my profession!"

Susan M. Taylor, Director of the Princeton University Art Museum, is indeed one of those lucky people who are able to turn their favorite pursuit into their life's work.

Her appointment as museum director followed a distinguished career in the art world, including work in the curatorial department at the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum in New York and Director of the Wellesley College Davis Museum and Cultural Center.

Her choice of profession was not a foregone conclusion, however, says Ms. Taylor. "I went to college thinking I would be a political science major and go on to law school; then I discovered art history. I had traveled as a young child in the U.S. and abroad, and gone to museums in London and Paris. That was part of my experience, but I hadn't thought of it in terms of a career."

Born in Buffalo, N.Y., Susan was the daughter of Lucy and Willard Taylor, and she enjoyed the exposure to a variety of cultural activities.

"My mom took me to the Albright-Knox Art Gallery in Buffalo and to the Philharmonic, where I also enjoyed music. We went to the Shakespeare Festival in Stratford, Ontario, and I saw a lot of plays. There was great regional theater in Buffalo, too."

### Close Relationship

Despite experiencing the death of her father when she was 12, Ms. Taylor remembers a happy childhood. "My mother and I had a close relationship, and in the summer we went to a house on Lake Erie, and I enjoyed all the water activities. I look up to and admire my mother very much."

Susan was also an avid tennis player, making the team at Mt. St. Joseph Academy, where she attended high school, and later played at Vassar College.

She was a good student, especially enjoying history, political science, and geography. Art was not high on her list of interests at that point, and her free time was filled with extra-curricular school activities, such as the drama and debate clubs.

After graduating from high school, Susan chose Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. "I wanted to go away to school, and I thought Vassar would be an interesting place," she explains. "It had a strong history department, and I liked the fact that it was small."

"I was very happy there," she continues. "There was a huge set of choices when I was at college that I'd never had before. I took history and English, and I also very deliberately took the introduction course in art history. The Vassar experience would not have been complete without taking this legendary course."

She liked it so much that plans for political science and law school were swept away by this new-found passion. Not only did she concentrate on art history, she created her own major: history, literature and art in Renaissance and medieval studies.

### Lifelong Love

"It was fascinating," she recalls. "It was interesting to learn about art in a different way, within this context of other disciplines."

I had wonderful professors, including Eugene Carroll, Ben Kohl, and Peter Heunink. They were supportive of the way I wanted to study art history. I worked hard, and it was an amazing experience."

Susan spent junior year in Rome, and formed a lifelong love of Italy. After graduation, she was awarded the McGuire Fellowship, enabling her to return to Italy. "One of the most formative things that happened to me was the McGuire Fellowship. It was given to a Vassar graduate to study in Europe, and to study in any field. I chose to go to Florence and study conservation and museums."

"I loved the idea of being in Europe and I wanted to focus on conservation because I wanted to do something with my hands," she explains. "I am not an artist, but this way, I was involved with my hands in preservation."

She spent a year in Florence, enjoying the study, the opportunity to travel, and also teaching English as a second language. A major event was the introduction to her future husband, Paolo Meozzi, who was studying environmental science at the University of Florence.

In 1981, Susan decided to return to the U.S. and continue her education. Attending the Institute of Fine Arts at New York University, she worked toward a master's degree in fine arts, specializing in the Italian Renaissance.

During this period, she received a curatorial fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts at the Guggenheim Museum, and was then asked to join the curatorial staff, where she coordinated and organized several national and international exhibitions.

### New Perspectives

"The Guggenheim was looking for someone who spoke Italian," she explains. "I worked on the exhibition of New Perspectives for Italian Art, and I was involved with all aspects of it, including responsibility for arrangements with artists and curators."

Ms. Taylor stayed at the Guggenheim for three years, and it was a wonderful time, she recalls. "I had a chance to work with the artists, and as a young, aspiring curator, I researched collections, met artists, and organized exhibitions. I felt so lucky."

In 1981, Ms. Taylor and Mr. Meozzi were married, and five years later, they relocated to Boston. She was completing her master's papers, when she was offered the position of Assistant Director of the Wellesley College Museum (later to become the Davis Museum and Cultural Center).

Timing is all-important, and very quickly, a new set of circumstances emerged. "Shortly after I got to Wellesley, the director of the art museum left, and I became acting director," reports Ms. Taylor.

After several months and a thorough search, she was offered the post of director. It was unusual for a person so young

**"ART FOR ART'S SAKE":** "One of the nicest things about Princeton is that you feel you belong to the community. I am working on making the museum part of the greater community, including reaching out to school children. We have more than 8,000 children visit the museum each year." Susan M. Taylor, Director of the Princeton University Art Museum, is enthusiastic about the work of the museum in the community.

— she was 30 at the time — to be given such a prestigious position.

"I felt I could do it," she recalls, "and of course, I was surprised and thrilled. Wellesley was at a moment of growth at the time. They were planning for a new museum facility, and it was quite daunting for me to be responsible for the plans, program, and vision of the new museum, as well as fundraising for the new building and acquisitions."

### Exhibition Medium

Ms. Taylor was instrumental in expanding the permanent collection, particularly in the area of contemporary art. A highlight of her 13-year tenure at Wellesley was the construction of the award-winning museum facility, designed by Spanish Architect Rafael Moneo — his first project in North America.

"It was one of the most extraordinary experiences," she observes. "It was inspiring to work with an architect of his calibre, and it was a factor in my interest in later bringing art and architecture together, and bringing architecture into the museum as an exhibition medium."

Her interest in the interaction of these two disciplines has not gone unnoticed by her colleagues. "Susan knows how to work with architects, whether in making a building or engaging with them in exhibition installations," points out Anne Hawley, Director of the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston, and a longtime friend of Ms. Taylor.

The opportunity to spend time in New England was another plus during the years at Wellesley, and Ms. Taylor enjoyed taking in the sights, skiing, hiking, and visiting Martha's Vineyard.

She had been aware during this time of the Princeton Art Museum's growing reputation as one of the finest university art museums in the country, and when the directorship was offered to her, she did not hesitate.

"I felt I had done everything I could do at Wellesley by then. We had established the new building and a new program, and now

it was time for others to take the lead there."

### First Project

Arriving in Princeton in August of 2000, she was eager to assume new responsibilities, and set to work immediately. Her first project was to create an exhibition for the following February, for which nothing had yet been scheduled.

Learning that the museum had drawings from the renowned modernist architect, Le Corbusier (drawings which had illustrated lectures he gave at Princeton in 1935), she quickly put together an exhibition, working in cooperation with the Architecture Department. Incorporating architecture and design into the museum's programming was to be a continuing part of Ms. Taylor's vision.

"The museum is part of the intellectual enterprise that is the University," she points out. "And one of the biggest pleasures is developing programs that respond to the strength of the University. For example, we had an exhibition with Professor David Billington of the Engineering Department on bridges and structural design."

"When I came to Princeton, I had a notion of interdisciplinarity," explains Ms. Taylor. "A museum like Princeton would lend itself to these kinds of activities — encompassing the resources of University professors, and involving faculty members in the program and familiarizing them with the collection."

Interaction with departments outside art has been a significant goal, and actually a theme in her approach to art dating back to the formulation of her major at Vassar. Art within the context of other areas is enlightening, and she has fostered collaboration with University departments, such as history, anthropology, psychology, computer science, and music.

The current exhibition, "Mir Iskusstva": Russia's Age of Elegance, is a case in point, involving the collaboration of several departments, such as music and dance, and including lectures and discussion. An exhibition of works from the State Russian Museum in St. Petersburg, it has brought forth partnerships with the American Repertory Ballet, the Princeton Symphony Orchestra under the direction of conductor Mark Laycock, and Princeton University faculty.

### Contemporary Art

"In the University, our colleagues in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literature, the Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, the Program in Russian and Eurasian Studies, the Program in theater and Dance, the Princeton University Concerts, and the Cotsen Children's Library have generously given their time and expertise to the project," notes Ms. Taylor.

Another area in which Ms. Taylor's leadership capabilities have been prominent is expansion of the contemporary art collection.

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"I was very interested in contemporary art," she points out, "and I have enjoyed working with contemporary artists, including Magdalena Abakanowicz, Fred Wilson, Glen Ligon, and Gary Simmons." She also commissioned a ceiling mural for the new Bloomberg Hall by Sol LeWitt.

Ms. Taylor enjoys all aspects of her work as director, including fund-raising, a necessary part of any artistic endeavor. The museum has been the fortunate beneficiary of numerous gifts from alumni, corporations, and foundations.

"One of the great pleasures in fund-raising is to connect someone's interest with a need," she points out. "Our collection has grown and taken shape because of alumni gifts. We rely heavily on alumni, and they have been very generous."

New acquisitions are a

special treat for her, and she takes pride in sharing some of their key points with a visitor. "Sometimes, I just walk through the museum, and I am continually amazed at what I discover," she says.

"Our newest acquisition is 'Saints Paul and Barnabas At Lystra', oil on wooden panel by 17th Century Dutch painter Bartolomeus Breenbergh. You can see the influence of Rembrandt in it, and it is very exciting to acquire something like this."

#### Wider Community

Another new acquisition is "Interment of Christ", oil on copper by Josef Heintz the Elder, 1592-93. Ms. Taylor is thoroughly engaged by it, pointing out, "the beautiful detail" in the hand of one of the women pictured.

One of the areas in which Ms. Taylor has worked hardest is broadening the museum's scope to include the wider community. Reaching out to Princeton residents, and particularly children, is

a priority. In doing so, she has worked with the Arts Council of Princeton, the Public Library, and founded the museum's Education Department. Under her stewardship, education programs have included free tours for pre-school, elementary, middle, and high school students from around the area.

"I feel this museum has so much to offer so many different people," she explains.

Ms. Taylor works with a number of individuals and organizations in the Princeton area, and continues to expand and enhance outreach to the community.

Jeff Nathanson, Executive Director of the Princeton Arts Council, has worked with Ms. Taylor for several years, both on the Arts Council and in the selection of art for the Princeton Public Library.

"When I took the director's post for the Arts Council, I soon found that the Arts Council and the museum had an established relationship in collaborating on education projects," says Mr. Nathanson. "We are continuing and expanding on that established relationship based on Susan's and my friendship."

"It has truly been a pleasure to work with her on projects for the Princeton Art Museum as well as for the Arts Council and the Princeton Public Library. Like all good museum directors, Susan has a vast knowledge of art and is a strong manager, but what has impressed me even more is her passion for contemporary art and her understanding of the important role the museum plays in the community."

#### Warmth and Compassion

Ms. Taylor lives in Princeton with her husband and five-year-old son, Filippo, who takes classes at the Arts Council. She is involved in community activities to the extent she can be, while balancing a demanding job with family life.

Her long-time friend from graduate school days, Cranbury resident Pari Stave, is impressed with Ms. Taylor's ability to do this. "Susan is the consummate professional, and she is very adept at balancing her professionalism with her warmth and compassion."

"The best way I can describe this is to tell you what it's like to see her with her son Filippo. When she is at her job, she is 100 percent committed to the work of the

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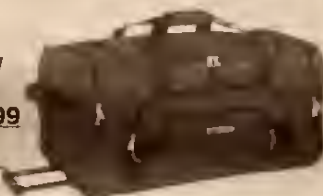
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**Susan Taylor**

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museum. But when she is at home, she completely gives herself over to her son. This is the kind of person she is."

Ms. Taylor also serves on the boards and committees of many professional organizations, including the Association of Art Museum Directors, the American Federation of Arts, and the visiting committee of the Frances Lehman Loeb Arts Center at Vassar College. At Princeton, her responsibilities include membership on the advisory committee for the Center for Arts and Cultural Policy Studies; member of the President's Advisory Committee on Architecture; and former member of the President's Task Force on the Creative and Performing Arts.

Ms. Taylor was recently selected as one of the YWCA Princeton's Tribute To Women honorees. Established nationally to honor women who have made significant contributions to their profession and community, these

awards are given to women based on academic achievement, professional responsibility, community service, demonstrated leadership, ability to communicate, mentoring of others, and special projects or accomplishments.

"I was surprised and honored to be among such distinguished women," says Ms. Taylor. "The fact that I was able to represent art, and that the arts were recognized was a very gratifying experience."

**Depth and Quality**

In the course of her career, Ms. Taylor has worked with many prominent individuals in the art world, and enjoyed memorable moments. She clearly has the respect and admiration of her colleagues in Princeton and beyond.

"I have been fortunate enough to have been here since the beginning of Susan's tenure at the museum, and it has been an incredible five years," says Becky Sender, Associate Director of the Princeton University Art Museum. "She has brought great energy and enthusiasm to the museum

and the community, and has inspired a sense of possibility and promise among the staff. I think all of us who know Susan in her role as museum director would agree that she both understands the depth and quality of the collection and has the vision to think boldly about its potential."

Adds Dr. Harvey Rothberg, retired Princeton physician and now docent at the museum: "Susan Taylor has turned the museum around with her innovative ideas, which have made the place more inviting to everyone. And some of the recent exhibitions that she and her staff have produced have really been spectacular."

Her friend and colleague, Anne Hawley points out Ms. Taylor's ability to connect with museum audiences at all levels. "Susan is so creative conceptually in her exhibitions and her work with artists' projects. She is really very good at creating compelling programs that engage the public."

Ms. Taylor's work makes traveling a necessity, and she is often journeying to far-flung destinations in search of new acquisitions or speaking at professional meetings and conferences.

When opportunity presents itself, she enjoys visiting such favorite museums as the Louisiana, outside of Copenhagen, and the Kimbell Museum in Fort Worth, Texas. "Texas is a huge art center," she notes. "What is especially appealing about these museums is that they are distinguished by their architecture and setting as well as the quality of the collections."

With her husband and son, Ms. Taylor makes frequent trips to Florence, which she loves, and where they have a house.

When at home in Princeton, Ms. Taylor tries to find time for discussion with her new reading group (Wor and Peoce is scheduled for the summer!), and as she points out, "I have a young son, who will start kindergarten in the fall, who likes to go to the playground, and to the Museum of Natural History in New York."

Life is busy for Susan Taylor. But, as she demonstrates, it is just right for her. She is in the right place at the right time.

"As I became more aware of my abilities and interests, I realized that one of the best things I could do was to be the interpreter of these works of art and present them to people. The museum is the best means for me to do this. I think being able to build on the strength of this institution and create more opportunities for the museum to serve the people is important. I look forward to it."

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# Sports

## PU Men's Lacrosse Loses Scoring Touch As it Falls to Maryland in NCAA Quarters

It was one of the most electrifying comebacks ever produced by the Princeton University men's lacrosse team in its storied history in NCAA tournament play.

Trailing Maryland by 8-6 late in the 2004 NCAA quarterfinal contest, Ryan Boyle scored two late goals to force overtime. In the extra session, Boyle fed then-freshman Peter Trombino, who fired in the winning tally.

Last Sunday, seventh-seeded Princeton found itself trailing second-seeded Maryland 4-0 early in the 2006 NCAA quarters at Towson University's Johnny Unitas Stadium.

Once again, the proud Tigers rallied, knotting the game at 5-5 midway through the second quarter as now junior star Trombino scored on a slick one-on-move in the crease area. Princeton, which entered the day 5-0 lifetime against Maryland in NCAA tourney play, seemed to be on its way to again thwarting the Terps.

But this time around, the Tiger magic ended with the tying goal as a composed Maryland squad reeled off the last two goals of the first half and the first four of the second half on its way to an 11-6 triumph over

Princeton before a crowd of 7,269.

The setback left the Tigers with a final record of 11-5 while 12-4 Maryland advanced to a Final Four clash next Saturday against the University of Massachusetts in Philadelphia's Lincoln Financial Field.

A subdued Trombino believed the Tigers were on the brink of another legendary win when they evened the score at 5-5. "I thought we showed some resilience," said Trombino glumly. "We were down by four goals and then fought back. We were down by two at halftime and we felt good."

Princeton head coach Bill Tierney shared Trombino's optimism at that point. "When we got back to 5-5, every time we touched the ball we were scoring," recalled Tierney, who got two goals from Tommy Davis and one piece from Trombino, Scott Sowanick, and Mark Kovler.

"Pete made some great moves. We were feeling good; we were getting shots on their goal. Those two late goals hurt us a little bit but at the half we weren't overly disappointed."

By the end of an afternoon which saw Princeton go without a goal for 38 minutes and get outshot 44-25, the Tigers were sorely disappointed.

"Things didn't go our way," said Trombino, referring to Maryland's second-half dominance. "They had a lot of possession. They held the ball well and they moved it around. They played good lacrosse."

Tierney acknowledged that his team didn't play very good lacrosse in crunch time. "We didn't handle the ball well under pressure, offensively or defensively," said Tierney, whose club was 13-of-23 on clears while Maryland clicked on 16-of-18 of its clears. "On March 11 we lost to Virginia by one because we couldn't clear the ball. Here it is May 21st and couldn't do it again. I have to take the blame for that."

The Princeton head coach, who is a longtime friend of Maryland head coach Dave Cottle, credited the Terps' experience and execution with also making a difference.



**BOUNCED OUT:** Princeton University junior star Scott Sowanick, left, gets upended by a UMBC defender in Princeton's 11-8 win on May 13 over the Retrievers in the opening round of the NCAA tournament. Last Sunday, Sowanick scored a goal and had an assist but it wasn't enough as seventh-seeded Princeton fell 11-6 to No. 2 seed Maryland in the NCAA quarterfinals. The loss left the Tigers with a final record of 11-5.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

"I think Maryland's experience is one of them," said Tierney, when asked what edges the Terps had in the contest.

"You have guys like Joe [Walters,] Xander [Ritz], Brendan [Healy]; they are great players. They ran an offense we knew they were going to run. They did a great job. They shot the lights out early; some of those shots were in the low corners. You deal with Coach Cottle and you're dealing with the best offensive mind in the game."

The lessons learned from playing a battle-tested Maryland team could pay off in the long run for the Tigers. "We have a young team," explained Tierney, who has guided the Tigers to six NCAA crowns. "We have mostly juniors and freshmen offensively. If they learn from this experience maybe next year we'll be the experienced team."

The setback Sunday, though, couldn't dim the positive experience this spring for a Princeton team that rebounded from a dismal 5-7 campaign in 2005 to the NCAA quarters.

"I'm awfully proud of the guys," said Tierney, managing a smile. "Last year when we were 5-7, people predicted the ultimate doom of Princeton lacrosse. For these guys to make the resolve after tough losses to Virginia and Hofstra to come back and work hard and put ourselves in this position. Obviously we're disappointed by the loss today but you quickly try to move to the big picture and know that it was a great season."

—Bill Alden



**UNDER FIRE:** Princeton University star goalie Alex Hewitt makes a save in the Tigers' 11-8 recent win over UMBC in the opening round of the NCAA tournament. Hewitt made 16 saves last Sunday in the NCAA quarters against Maryland as the Tigers fell 11-6 to the Terps.

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**END GAME:** Princeton University sophomore Allison Murray sprints up the field in a game earlier this spring. Last Saturday, Murray scored three goals but it wasn't enough as Princeton fell 7-6 in overtime at Dartmouth in the NCAA quarterfinals. The defeat left the Tigers with a final record of 12-6.

(Photo by Bill Allen)

## PU Women's Lacrosse Rally Falls Short As Tigers Fall at Dartmouth in NAAs

The Princeton University women's lacrosse team's revenge tour through the NCAA tournament fell just short of notching another victim last Sunday.

In the opening round of the tourney, Princeton went south and shocked second-seeded Virginia 8-7, just weeks after absorbing a 16-3 beating at the hands of the Cavaliers.

Last Saturday, the Tigers headed north to face No. 7 Dartmouth, which had pasted Princeton 15-5 in late April.

Struggling at the outset, the Tigers headed into halftime trailing the Big Green 6-3. But showing its penchant for second-half comebacks, Princeton scored three straight goals to knot the game at 6-6 and force

overtime.

The Tigers, though, couldn't hold off Dartmouth as Casey Hazel scored in the extra session and then Big Green goalie Devon Wills stopped a Allison Murray shot to preserve a 7-6 win.

In assessing the defeat which left Princeton with a final record of 12-6, Princeton head coach Chris Sailer praised her team's battling spirit.

"They were beating us coming around the crease in the first half and at the other end, we just weren't being aggressive enough," said Sailer on the Princeton sports website. "We made some adjustments at halftime and we were able to make a comeback."

The Princeton rally was led

by sophomore Murray, who had three goals, with Holly McGarvie, Katie Lewis-Lamonica, and Mary Minshall adding one apiece. Junior goalie Colleen O'Boyle sparked in a losing cause, recording eight saves.

While losing to Dartmouth for a third straight time was a bitter pill for Princeton to swallow, the Tigers can certainly take solace from the fact that they were Ivy League co-champions and that they won four straight games after the Dartmouth debacle.

In addition, with 14 of its top 15 scorers slated to return next season, the Tigers should have the weapons to return to the NCAA quarters after falling just short the last two seasons.

— Bill Alden

## Battle-Tested PU Men's Heavyweight Crew Keeps Focus as it Powers to Eastern Title

Heading into last weekend's Eastern Sprints on Lake Quinsigamond in Worcester, Mass., the Princeton University men's top heavyweight crew could've lost its focus.

With exams in full swing and seniors winding up their theses and fulfilling other academic obligations, the rowers had plenty on their platter besides crew.

But with its top boat dominated by a battle-hardened group of seniors, the Tigers produced a stellar week of practice.

"Having exams, I was prepared for things being less than their best," said Princeton head coach Curtis Jordan. "The seniors really had a focus. A lot of it comes from what they learn at Princeton; they know how to organize themselves academically and athletically. I thought they were on their game all week."

The Tigers were on their game once they hit the water as they won the Eastern title last Sunday, clocking a time of 5:41.59 to edge old nemesis Harvard (5:44.03) and third-place Brown (5:46.24).

As has been its custom, the boat thrived when its focus could have been diverted. "We had a long day," said Jordan, whose top boat is undefeated and has been ranked No. 1 nationally all spring.

"There were a lot of weather issues. We had a difficult heat in the morning and I thought we underperformed. There were a lot of things that could've rattled them and things that did rattle the coach. They said 'hey don't worry about it.' I trusted them; they are a group that is always able to rise to the occasion."

The veteran crew certainly rose to the occasion fueled by a determination to win the title after losing to Harvard at the Eastern Sprints the last two springs.

"They raced better than I've seen the last two springs," asserted Jordan, whose boat also earned the Ivy League title by virtue of its win Sunday. "As a group, they've been racing from behind. On Sunday, they took command of the race early and I think they really enjoyed that."

Now the Tigers would enjoy culminating their special spring with a national title as they compete in the Intercollegiate Rowing Association

(IRA) championship regatta from June 1-3 at Cooper River in Camden.

"Winning the Easterns and the Ivy League was a big goal for them," said Jordan, who pointed to Harvard, Brown, Cal, Washington, and Stanford as some of the biggest threats to Princeton at the IRA meet. "Now they can refocus. They'd like to get that national title under their belt but they know it's going to be a challenge."

Based on how the Tigers have overcome every challenge so far this spring, they seem to be on track to go the distance.

— Bill Alden

## Tiger Men's Golf 26th in Regional

The Princeton University men's golf team completed its season last weekend by placing 26th in the NCAA Central regional.

John Sawin was Princeton's top individual finisher, tying for 60th at +12. Jason Gerken tied for 95th at +17. The top ten teams at the regional qualified for the

NCAA Championships in Oregon in two weeks.

## Tiger Men's Lightweights Falter at Eastern Sprints

The Princeton University men's lightweight crew had an up-and-down performance last weekend at the Eastern Sprints in Worcester, Mass.

The Tigers failed to qualify for the grand final but rebounded from that disappointment to win the first varsity petite final. Princeton completes its season when it rows in the IRA national championship regatta from June 1-3 at Cooper River in Camden.

## Princeton Baseball Adds NCAA Tuneup

Looking to sharpen its game before heading into NCAA play, the Princeton University baseball team has added a home-and-home series against Patriot League champion Lehigh.

Princeton will host Lehigh for a single game on May 27 before heading to Easton, Pa. the next day for a contest at the Mountain Hawks.

The Tigers, 18-23-1, will find out their NCAA assignment later during the Memorial Day weekend.



**DOWN ON THE BAYOU:** Princeton University senior shortstop Christina Cobb-Adams fires the ball in action earlier this season. Last weekend, Cobb-Adams ended her career by playing in the NCAA Baton Rouge Regional. The Tigers fell 5-0 to host LSU on Friday and 1-0 to N.C. State a day later to get eliminated from the tournament. Princeton, which won the Ivy League title this spring to give the program 16 league titles, ended the season with a 34-19 record.

(Photo by Bill Allen)

## LEGAL FORUM

### Being a Parent is a Biological and Psychological Status

The New Jersey Supreme Court has recognized the dual nature of serving as a parent and the importance of third party's psychological bond to a child. While the case arose in the context of a custody dispute between a same-sex couple, the Court was quick to state that its decision is applicable to all persons who have willingly, and with the approval of the legal parent, undertaken the duties of a parent to a child not related by blood or adoption.

This decision confirms that children have a right to maintain a relationship with the adults who have loved them and cared for them. Implicit in the court's decision is the understanding that the benefits and values traditionally associated with the nuclear family can exist in families created by unmarried individuals regardless of their sexual orientation.

In order to determine when an individual has in fact become a psychological parent, the court considers a four part test that had been defined by a Wisconsin case. For an individual to be considered a psychological parent (1) the legal parent (biological or adoptive) must consent to and foster the relationship between the child and the third party; (2) the third party must have lived with the child; (3) the third party must perform significant parental functions for the child; and (4) a parent-child bond must be created.

It is critical that the legal parent consent to the evolving relationship between the child and the third party (without it, a third party cannot establish themselves as a psychological parent). An interesting question that cannot be addressed given the constraints of this article is what would happen if the third party wanted a relationship with the child but the legal parent not only failed to consent, but actively frustrated the relationship. The court will examine the relationship between the legal parent and the

third party to determine whether the legal parent granted the third party a degree of parental authority and autonomy over the child that exceed the responsibilities of a true third party. Once the legal parent has consented to the third party's parent-like relationship, the legal parent cannot unilaterally decide to terminate that relationship.

Living with the child was found to demonstrate the baseline commitment to the child and necessary to provide the third party with the opportunity to satisfy the three other components of the test.

To satisfy the remaining prong of the test, the third party must do more than make financial contributions towards the child's expenses. The court will look into the nature, quality, and extent of the parental functions and responsibilities assumed by the third party.

The existence of a parent-child bond between the third party and the child is the most important factor in the court's consideration. The court recognized that establishing a parent-child relationship takes time. While it may sound cliché, the court is interested in quality time, rather than the quantity of time. In order to properly assess the parent-child relationship the court will generally rely on an expert opinion.

Satisfaction of this four prong test does not end the court's inquiry. After a third party has satisfied these four criteria, the court will then decide custody and visitation issues under a best-interests of the child analysis.

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# PHS Boys' Tennis Takes Care of Business, Advances to Central Jersey Sectional Final

Although the lineup of the Princeton High boys' tennis team is stocked with underclassmen, the squad wasn't flustered as it battled Freehold last Friday in the Central Jersey Group 3 sectional semis.

PHS jumped out to a 2-0 lead as Matt Ullmann and David Zheng posted straight-set wins in first and second singles, respectively, in a match moved indoors to the Princeton Tennis and Racquet Club due to rain.

Things then got a little dicey for the Little Tigers as first doubles pair of Chris Nesi and Aaron Maltby dropped their first set and third Ben Weingarten was pushed into a lengthy tiebreaker in the first set at third singles.

Nesi and Maltby found a rhythm as they cruised to a 4-6, 6-1, 6-3 win and Weingarten pulled out a 7-6 (9-7), 6-2 victory.

With the second doubles duo of Andrew Begman and Ari Silver splitting their match 7-5, 4-5, the second-seeded Little Tigers earned a 4.5 -0.5 win over third-seeded

Freehold.

PHS, which has won four straight sectional crowns, is slated to play top-seeded Ocean Township on May 23 at East Brunswick.

Sophomore singles star Zheng said the team took a business-like approach to the playoff match. "We were here last year so there wasn't extreme pressure," said Zheng. "It was just another match for us. We sort of expected to go the finals and we expected to win this match."

Zheng was happy to finally play up to his expectations after struggling recently. "I've been playing bad recently so it was good for me to get a relatively easy win," said Zheng, who breezed past Kevin Sun 6-2, 6-2. "I'm hoping today's match gets me out of the slump."

For Zheng, playing at the familiar venue of the Princeton Tennis and Racquet Club was a plus for him. "I do training drills here because I take a clinic here," said Zheng. "I felt comfortable on this court."

Zheng was most comfortable serving the ball last Friday. "My serve was on when I needed it to be on crucial points," said Zheng. "I was able to get some pace and keep the ball in good spots."

PHS head coach Sarah Heyman was happy with the way her club played in the tight spots. "There were slight lapses; breakdowns in shot here or there," acknowledged Heyman, who has guided PHS to a 12-2 record in her first season as the boys' head coach.

"But when it counted, they pulled together. They came back from losing points or games and really hung tough and pulled out a big win."

Heyman was proud of how Zheng pulled his game together after his recent slump. "David played well today," asserted Heyman, who doubles as the PHS girls' head coach and led that squad to the sectional final last fall.

"He has the ability to play with anyone. Like anyone, he has off days. I know for players it's frustrating if you don't think you're playing up to your potential. Sometimes after a couple of tough matches, it's hard to play another good one. Today David was able to do that."

In Heyman's view, sophomore Ullmann is showing more and more toughness in his role as PHS' top player.

"Matt played a great match today," added Heyman. "He always has the toughest job playing the other team's best player. It's tough for him as a younger player to step into a No. 1 role but he has a lot of tournament experience. He's growing with every match."

Zheng, for his part, thinks the team is maturing into a force. "I think people have grown into their spots," said Zheng.

"Everybody has improved since the beginning of the year. The first couple of weeks people were getting used to the varsity and their positions."

— Bill Alden

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**NET GAIN:** Princeton High first singles player Matt Ullmann prepares to lash a forehand. Last Friday, Ullmann got PHS off on the right foot against Freehold in the Central Jersey Group 3 sectional semifinals as he posted a 6-1, 6-0 win over Karan Kapoor. The Little Tigers went on to win the match 4.5 -0.5. PHS, which has won four straight sectional crowns, was scheduled to play Ocean Township in the sectional final on May 23.

(Photo by Bill Allen)



**ON TARGET:** Princeton High second singles player David Zheng hones his forehand last week before a match. Last Friday, Zheng posted a straight-set win to help PHS top Freehold 4.5 -0.5 in the Central Jersey Group 3 sectional semifinals. The second-seeded Little Tigers were slated to play top-seeded Ocean Township on May 23 with the winner advancing to the group finals on May 25 at Mercer County Park.

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**CONFERENCE CALL:** Hun School tennis coach Chris Kingston, left, counsels his first doubles team of Kristian Richardson, center, and Nick Ventura at the Mercer County Tournament. Kingston helped guide the Raiders to a strong finish which saw them beat Peddie and Lawrenceville on the way to the Mid-Atlantic Prep League (MAPL) title and then culminate the season with the state Prep A team crown.

(Photo by Bill Allen)

## Hun Boys' Tennis Has Bumpy Ride But Ends Up Winning Prep A Crown

Chris Kingston will tell you that it wasn't a particularly smooth ride this spring for his Hun School boys' tennis team.

"The season wasn't peaches and cream," said head coach Kingston with a laugh. "The chemistry in the doubles wasn't always there. Lance [Goulbourne] missed time with basketball. I guess what doesn't kill you makes you stronger."

Hun showed its strength as it saved its best tennis for last. The Raiders beat Peddie and Lawrenceville in crucial dual matchers to earn the Mid-Atlantic Prep League (MAPL) crown.

Then Hun culminated the season in dramatic fashion as it won the state Prep A title,

edging Lawrenceville, had won the title the last seven years.

In winning the title, the Raiders were paced by Lance Goulbourne, the winner at first singles, Wilder Sampson, the champion at second singles, and the second doubles pair of Ren Gates and Jack Barrett, who won their flight.

Despite the big dual match wins coming in the week before the Prep A competition, Kingston wasn't overly confident about his team's prospects.

"I was worried about a let-down; we had played Saturday and Sunday two weekends in a row and the guys were exhausted," said Kingston.

20-30 times and be very consistent. Lance hits the ball and plays shorter points. Wilder was playing a lot with him and he was trying to hit it harder."

Kingston certainly enjoyed the way the 6'6 Goulbourne hit the ball as he blitzed Zach McGuinness of Peddie 6-1, 6-0 in the finals.

"The first thing to say about Lance is that he's played a lot of tennis from the time he was young," said Kingston of the junior who is also a star forward on the Hun basketball team and is looking to play college hoops.

"He has very good technique, the foundation is there. Throw his athletic ability on top of that and you have a special product. It's just fun to watch him."

For Kingston, it was fun to see his team end its up and down spring on such a high note. "The guys were competitive, I saw signs of that at the MCT," said Kingston.

"The Lawrenceville match speaks volumes; the guys said let's step up and they fed off of each other. Just about any time you end the season with a win, you know it's been a special year."

— Bill Alden

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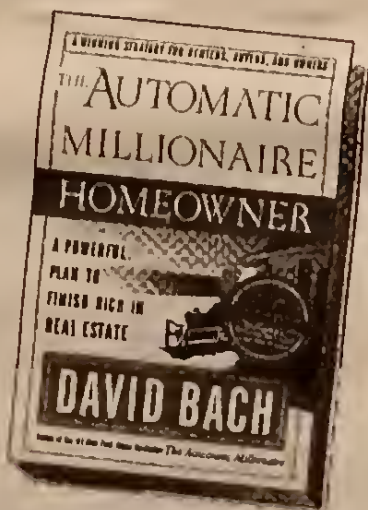
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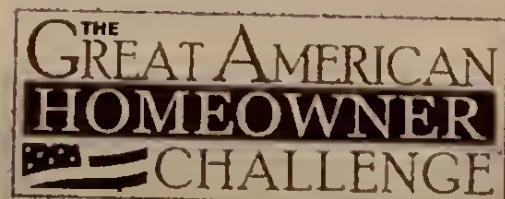
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**TOWER OF POWER:** Hun School singles star Lance Goulbourne cracks a forehand in action earlier this spring. The 6'6 Goulbourne took the title at first singles in the state Prep A tournament to help Hun take the team championship.

(Photo by Bill Allen)





**REVERSAL OF FORTUNE:** Princeton Day School softball head coach Holly Fewkes, far right, and assistant coach Sue Repko, far left, celebrate with their players after PDS edged Pennington 1-0 last week to win the state Prep championship. It was the first Prep B title in 10 years for the Panthers, who finished the season with a 14-3 record after going 4-10 in 2005.

## McPhaden's Spirit Sparks Turnaround As PDS Softball Takes Prep B Crown

Cait McPhaden was nervous as she took the field for the Princeton Day School softball team last week against Pennington in the state Prep B championship game.

The PDS senior shortstop aimed a warm-up throw over first baseman Leslie Shapiro's head as the team went through its infield routine before Pennington came up to bat in the first inning.

McPhaden calmed herself down and gave the whole team a jolt of confidence as she slapped an RBI single in the bottom of the first to give the Panthers a 1-0 lead. In the top of the fourth, McPhaden leaped high to spear a liner and prevent a Pennington threat.

With McPhaden snaring another ball in the top of the seventh, PDS hung on for a 1-0 victory and its first Prep B title in 10 years.

Afterward, all the nerves had turned to broad grin for McPhaden. "This is overwhelmingly exciting," said a beaming McPhaden. "We were all very nervous before the game. We kept saying take it play by play. I was like oh-oh on that warmup throw just hoping I was getting the jitters out."

After having had to rally in the bottom of the last inning in its two regular season wins over Pennington, McPhaden's RBI knock helped set a positive tone.

"It was nice, when we played them before we got our runs in the bottom of the seventh and the bottom of the 10th," recalled McPhaden. "It was nice to have an early run but we knew we still had to hold them."

The experience of having bested Pennington gave the Panthers the confidence that they could maintain that edge. "We knew we could do it because we had done it two times before," asserted McPhaden. "We knew it wasn't going to be easy but we were excited to get out there and do it again."

PDS' climb to the Prep B championship wasn't easy considering that the team won just four games in 2005 and three the year before. With Holly Fewkes taking the head coaching reins after four seasons as an assistant with the program, the Panthers

entered the spring with a new energy.

In McPhaden's view, the team's preseason trip to Florida and an early season win over Prep A power Blair helped put the team on a championship path.

"We all went to Florida and we really bonded together; that was really great," said McPhaden. "We were surprised at how well we did in Florida. We were pretty much the same girls but we had different coaching and we had more confidence. We developed a comfort level playing with each other. We came back and beat Blair 1-0. We thought we can do this."

PDS head coach Fewkes was happy to see PDS' long suffering seniors do what they did as the team finished with a sparkling 14-3 record.

"I'm happy for the seniors, they have struggled for a long time," said Fewkes, whose other senior group included Hannah Tamminen and Melissa Marks in addition to McPhaden and Shapiro.

"We were 4-10 last year and we turned it around. They worked hard all season and they put a lot of effort in. I couldn't have asked for more from them."

Fewkes credited McPhaden with being a major part of the team's resurgence. "She gets the RBI to basically win the game and she has that line drive catch," said Fewkes.

"She's an all-around player; she's been a real leader for us. It's great to see her have a great last game. She helps keep the infielders on their toes. She never has a negative word to say."

Fewkes doesn't have a bad word to say about her junior pitching ace Nicole Auerbach, who threw a one-hitter in the title game, striking out seven.

"Without her we would be nowhere near where we are right now," said Fewkes. "She's been our only pitcher this season. She's more confident; she really knows the game and remembers the batters."

For Fewkes, her debut season at the helm of the program was certainly one to remember. "I'm an optimist but I would never have thought this would have happened," said Fewkes with a chuckle. "A ton of our games were one-run games and we

found a way to win them. I believed in them and I tried to keep them motivated."

McPhaden, for her part, kept believing that something positive would happen in her final campaign with the program.

"I just tried to help the less experienced girls," said McPhaden. "I just tried to be upbeat and keep a smile on my face. I know that sounds corny. We've been through so many down years, this season was so nice."

— Bill Alden

## PDS Boys' Tennis Rises to Occasion; Earns State Prep B Crown in Squeaker

Rome Campbell had a good feeling as his Princeton Day School boys' tennis team headed into the championship round of the state Prep B tournament last Wednesday at Pingry.

"On Tuesday we had one of our best quality hits of the season in practice," said Campbell, the longtime PDS head coach, whose team ended the first day of the tournament locked in a tight battle with Montclair-Kimberley. "The boys were very task-oriented; they were very sharp."

With the finals having been postponed from Monday to Wednesday due to rain, PDS first singles star David Holland warmed to the task very early once the players hit the court.

"I've never seen David Holland so excited about playing," recalled Campbell with a laugh. "He was chomping at the bit; he was elated when he found out we were playing Wednesday."

Holland mowed through Dan Turtel of Ranney 6-1, 6-2 to get the Panthers off on the right foot as they edged Montclair Kimberley 11-10 to earn their second straight Prep B title.

"Turtel is an up and coming player, he threw a lot of stuff at David," said Campbell in assessing his sophomore star's decisive win. "Holland wins the big points and always puts pressure on his opponents."

Holland also has quite an impact on his teammates. "He raises the level of everyone's play on the team," asserted Campbell. "The guys hit with

him as much as possible. He helps everyone improve their game and deal with the different shots he hits."

The PDS first doubles pair of Patrick Murphy and Sanjeev Sharma raised the level of their play as they topped Bob Post and Andrew Bauer of Montclair Kimberley 6-4, 6-1.

"I was a little concerned about the first doubles," said Campbell, whose team went 7-5 in dual matches this spring. "They settled down pretty quickly. They were hitting overheads well; they were going after it. We had trouble with their big guy at first and his big serve but we were able to return better in the second set."

Seth Stein got off to a hot start in third singles. "He played a good first set," said Campbell of his senior star who topped Corey Brown of Montclair Kimberley 6-2, 7-5.

"He was up 4-1 in the sec-

ond set and then he got a little loose and unfocused. The match got to 5-5. In the last two games, Seth played really smart."

Stein and Sharma provided smart play all spring as the team's senior co-captains. "They carry themselves very well," said Campbell. "They are four-year varsity players. They're not nervous and that rubs off on the other players."

Campbell is confident that those other guys can build on the program's success in the future. "It's great for our program; we're not a senior-heavy team," said Campbell. "We're strong from grades 9-12. We have a junior, two sophomores, and two freshmen. We're optimistic about the future."

— Bill Alden

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## Buoyed by Remarkable Camaraderie; PDS Girls' Lax Nearly Takes Prep A Final

They actually enjoy going through the daily rigors of practice and they are psyched to arrive at school by 7:30 a.m. on game days so they can eat breakfast together.

They are the players on the Princeton Day School girls' lacrosse team and their deep bond has made them a force to be reckoned with this spring.

"We're so close and tight-knit," explained PDS senior defender Mary Peters. "People don't yell at each other. We're supportive of each other and that helps so much on the field. We always say you're going to play how you practice."

Last Thursday, the Panthers, the No. 2 seed, utilized

their chemistry to brew up a 21-15 win at third-seeded Lawrenceville in the state Prep A semifinals.

Three days later, PDS' unity of purpose helped it go up to powerful Oak Knoll, the No. 1 seed, and nearly pull one of the stunners of the season as the Panthers fell 11-9 in overtime in the Prep A champion-

ship game after leading 6-4 at halftime.

In Peters' view, PDS brought a more aggressive mentality to the field this spring in posting a sparkling 14-3 record.

"I think in previous years, we were prepared to slow them down," said Peters, in reflecting on the win over Lawrenceville, the program's first triumph over the Big Red in at least a decade. "Today we were prepared to fly at them; it made a huge difference."

In the win over Lawrenceville, Peters contributed three assists in addition to anchoring PDS' aggressive defense.

"I just tried to do the best I could to help the team," said Peters in reflecting on her performance. "We can't play selfishly; we didn't do that today. I tried to take a more defensive role in this game. I trust our offense and I trust our defense."

PDS head coach Jill Thomas has trust in Peters, the team's only four-year varsity performer. "This game is about the draw and Mary gets the ball from Keely [Langdon]," said Thomas.

"We needed those draws and ground balls today; if we come through on those the scoring is going to come. She's the only kid we have who has played all four years; she's come a long way since her freshman year."

The team's offense also reflects the players' togetherness. Langdon, Katie Briody, Hannah Epstein, Mariel Jenkins and the Crouse twins, Nina and Allie, have all registered multi-goal games during the course of the season.

Briody, who scored a career-high eight goals in the win over Lawrenceville, attributes the team's scoring balance to its camaraderie.

"We're all friends, everyone of us gets along so well," said Briody, who had a team-high four goals in the loss to Oak Knoll. "It comes across on the field because we all love playing together. We all get each other up and motivated."

Thomas echoes her players' assessment when considering the role of chemistry in the team's success.

"It comes down to 'we,' the big 'we,'" said Thomas, who got two goals apiece from Langdon and Allie Crouse and one from Peters in the loss to Oak Knoll. "The 'we' in the bigger picture is more important than any of us. I think

when you get a team to do that, they are pretty hard to beat."

PDS proved hard to beat even when playing once-beaten Oak Knoll, a perennial power and defending Prep A champion.

"We came to play; we had a lot of chances to win that game," said Thomas, whose team earned the Patriot Conference crown. "It was great for us to push them on their home field. I think they averaged beating opponents by about 12 goals a game. It was two great teams battling."

While the loss was hard to swallow, Thomas didn't have any trouble putting her team's achievements in a larger perspective.

"It was a sad feeling but the sting will go away," said Thomas. "Before the first game I told them to dare to be remarkable and they have done that. We've brought pride and passion to the program; we've arrived and we plan to stay around a while."

If the Panthers are to remain among the elite in the prep lax scene, they will need to maintain their one-for-all and all-for-one approach.

"The seniors are a special group," asserted Thomas, whose group of seniors included Jess Cellars, Katy Cara, Ellen Cook, and Sara Martin in addition to Peters.

"They have provided leadership and really developed team chemistry. The juniors have some big shoes to fill. You can have all the talent in the world but you have to see the bigger picture and worry about something bigger than yourself."

— Bill Alden



**JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT:** Princeton Day School junior attacker Katie Briody, left, looks for an opening in PDS' 21-15 victory over Lawrenceville in the state Prep A semifinals. Briody scored a career-high eight goals to spark the Panthers in the win over the Big Red. Briody added four more last Sunday as the Panthers battled valiantly before falling to Oak Knoll 11-9 in overtime in the Prep A championship game. The Panthers, who won the Patriot Conference crown this spring, finished the season with a 14-3 record.

(Photo by Bill Allen)



**LEADING THE WAY:** Princeton Day School senior defender Mary Peters races up the field on her way to a three-assist performance in PDS' 21-15 win over Lawrenceville last Thursday in the state Prep A semifinals. Last Sunday, Peters scored a goal but it wasn't enough as third-seeded PDS fell 11-9 in overtime to No. 1 seed Oak Knoll in the Prep A title clash.

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# Stuart Lax Produces Big Second Half To Earn Second Straight Prep B Crown

Locked in a 2-2 battle with Rutgers Prep last Sunday at halftime of the state Prep B title game, the Stuart Country Day lacrosse team had reason to be nervous.

But Stuart head coach Sara Wagner had a feeling of déjà vu that gave her confidence going into the last 25 minutes.

"We've been tied at the half in low scoring games before," said Wagner. "We concentrated on our attack. They were playing Kelly [Bruvik] really tight, they were triple-teaming her. We needed to

pass the ball more and get the ball moving. We were a little tentative; we weren't making the passes to the open people."

Stuart certainly wasn't tentative after the break, reeling off four straight goals to build a 6-2 advantage.

After Rutgers Prep made a run to close the gap to 7-6, the Tartans scored three straight goals to close the deal on the way to a 10-7 triumph and its second straight Prep B title.

Bruvik led the way for Stu-

art, scoring three goals and adding two assists. Jackie Gaudioso Radvany chipped in two goals with Margaret Henry, Mary Jane Sweetland, Sarah Twiggs, Caroline Passano, and Elizabeth Bucklee adding one apiece.

In Wagner's view, her team's balance proved pivotal down the stretch of the contest. "I think we were in better shape," asserted Wagner, whose club finished the season with a 7-8 record.

"They had two or three girls doing most of the work. We had all of our girls getting involved. We only made one turnover in transition from behind the restraining line. We were much sharper with the ball than we've been at other times this season."

Junior star Bruvik was certainly sharp with the ball. "She played really, really well," said Wagner of Bruvik, the team's leading scorer. "She was looking for the open girl and she passed the ball well."

Stuart's trio of precocious freshmen, Gaudioso Radvany, Passano, and Bucklee, handled the ball well when they got it on their sticks. "Jackie had a big game," added Wagner. "Bucklee and Passano were also involved."

Back-up goalie Caitlin Spratt got involved in a big way as she got the start Sunday in place of starter Nina Szemis, who was sidelined due to a broken nose.

"I think Caitlin won the game for us," said Wagner of her junior netminder who recorded 13 saves.

"She had a great first half. They scored a little more in the second half when the game opened up a bit. She made some great saves; she rose to the occasion."

Stuart's senior co-captains Noha Ghossein, Margaret Henry, and Mary Jane Sweetland also rose to the occasion in their finale.

"Noha has been very steady all season," said Wagner. "Margaret played great on defense and scored a goal. We've asked her to do a lot of different things this season. Mary Jane does a lot of stuff for us in the midfield, scooping up loose balls and doing the little things that win games."

Stuart needed that senior leadership as the team struggled in midseason, falling to 3-6 at one point. "I think we knew it was there," said Wagner, referring to her team's improvement down the stretch.

"In the middle of the season when you don't have a great record but you know you're in the state preps, it's hard to get motivated."

Now with two straight titles, Wagner is hoping her returning players will be motivated to go for the three-peat.

"I think it sends a good message to the Stuart community that we are building something," said Wagner, who has now completed three seasons at the helm of the Tartan lacrosse program.

"It's a credit to the players. I hope it will motivate them, to work hard in the off-season so we can keep succeeding."

— Bill Alden



**FRESH FACE:** Stuart Country Day freshman Caroline Passano, right, races up the field last Sunday in Stuart's 10-7 win over Rutgers Prep in the state Prep B title game. Passano contributed a goal in the win, which left Stuart with a final record of 7-8.

(Photo by Bill Allen)



**REPEAT OFFENDER:** Stuart Country Day junior star Kelly Bruvik, left, battles a Rutgers Prep defender on her way to a three-goal, two assist performance in Stuart's 10-7 win last Sunday in the state Prep B final. It was the second straight Prep B title for the Tartans. Bruvik scored four goals in last year's title game as Stuart edged Pennington.

(Photo by Bill Allen)

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## PDS

**Golf:** The Panthers finished fourth of eight teams last Thursday in the state Prep B tournament held at the Peddie Golf Course. John Inman was PDS' top individual finisher as he shot an 81 to place fourth. The Panthers had a team score of 369, 42 strokes behind champion Oratory Prep.

## PHS

**Golf:** PHS finished in a tie for ninth with Pascack Hills in the NJSIAA Tournament of Champions played last Monday at the Rumson Country Club. Peter Telfer shot an 80 to lead the Little Tigers with Michael DiMeglio carding an 81.

**Baseball:** Chris Brooks had a productive day but it wasn't enough as PHS fell 8-4 to Ewing last Thursday. Brooks went 2-for-4 with two runs scored as PHS dropped to 5-15 on the season.

**Softball:** Catherine Marchetta and Casey Relsman had RBIs to provide the main highlight as PHS fell 11-2 to Ewing. The defeat left the Little Tigers with a 2-18 record.

## LAWRENCEVILLE

**Baseball:** Paced by marathon pitching effort from senior ace Jeff Murdza, Lawrenceville swept Peddie 14-0 and 6-1 last Thursday to win the state Prep A title. Murdza started each game and earned both wins. He went four innings in the opener and then pitched six innings in the nightcap. The left-hander gave up just six hits and struck out 14 in his 10 innings of work. The victories lifted the Big Red to a 17-6 record.

**Boys' Lacrosse:** Evan Sullivan and Paul Webber had big games as Lawrenceville routed Moorestown 18-3 last Saturday to complete a perfect 20-0 season. Sullivan fired in five goals while Webber chipped in four goals and five assists.

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## HUN

**Baseball:** Unable to get its bats going, Hun fell 6-0 to Lawrenceville last Wednesday to get eliminated from the state Prep A tournament. The loss dropped the Raiders to 12-9 on the season.

**Softball:** Alyssa Fares had a big day at the plate but it wasn't enough as Hun lost 3-1 at powerful Peddie last week in the state Prep A title game. Fares pounded out three hits including a double as Hun finished the season with an 11-6 record.

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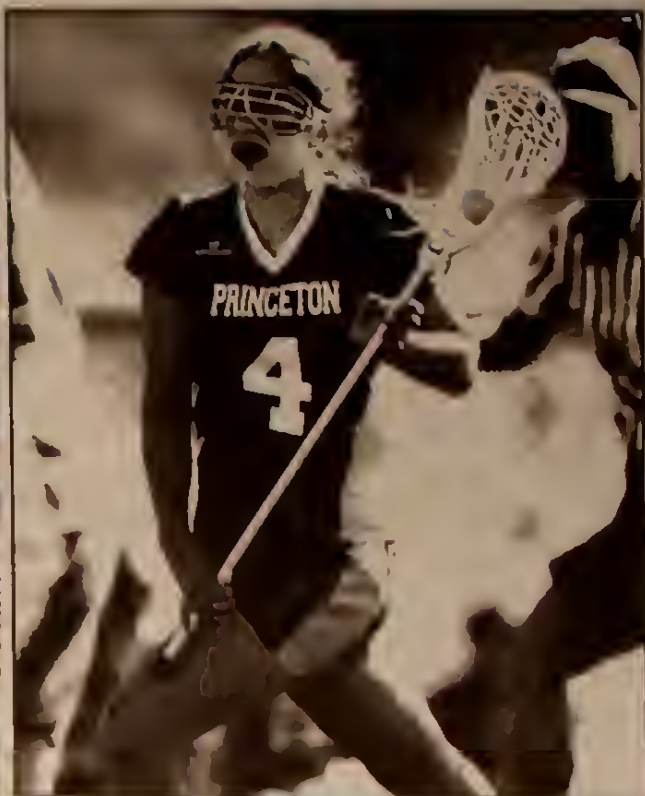
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**CRUNCH TIME:** Princeton High senior defender Casey Rahn, center, battles through two foes in action earlier this spring. The Little Tigers, now 14-1, begin play in the NJSIAA Group 2 state tournament this week. Top-seeded PHS will be home on May 26 against the the winner of the Voorhees-Millburn opening round game. (Photo by Bill Allen)



**BACK IN THE FRAY:** Princeton High junior captain Becca Schild races up the field in action earlier this spring. Schild and her teammates are back in the NJSIAA state tournament after not qualifying last spring. The 10-1 Little Tigers, the 10th seed in the South B field, will play at seventh-seeded Collingswood on May 24. (Photo by Bill Allen)



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## Princeton Recreation Offering Summer Hoops

The Princeton Recreation Department is now accepting registration for summer youth basketball leagues and summer youth basketball camps.

Both the boys and the girls youth leagues are open to Princeton and Montgomery residents, while the camps are open to everyone, regardless of residency.

The boys' league action takes place Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons at the Community Park courts. The league is open to boys entering grades 4-9 in September 2006. Grades 4-6 play at 5:20 p.m. and grades 7-9 play at 6:15 p.m. The league runs from June 21 through July 28.

The girls' league action takes place Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Community Park courts and at Montgomery Park on Thursdays. The league is open to girls entering grades 4-9 in September 2006. Grades 4-6 play at 5:45 or 6:45 p.m. and grades 7-9 play at 6:45 or 7:45 p.m. The league runs from June 20 through July 27.

The Dave Kosa Boys' Basketball Camp will have two separate one-week sessions in 2006. Kosa, the Princeton High boys' basketball head coach, will serve as camp director for the fourth consecutive summer. Camp sessions are July 10-14 and August 7-11 at John Witherspoon Middle School. The Kosa camp is open to players entering grades 6-10 in September 2006.

The Nikki Inzano Girls' Basketball Camp will take place from July 17 - 20 at John Witherspoon Middle School. This 4-day camp run by PHS head girls' basketball coach Inzano, is open to girls entering grades 6 - 10 in September 2006. The Inzano Camp will run from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each day with optional swimming from 1:00 p.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information on all of the summer basketball programs, log onto the Rec Department website at [www.leaguelineup.com/princetonrecreation](http://www.leaguelineup.com/princetonrecreation).

## Princeton Special Sports Holding Summer Camp

Princeton Special Sports (PSS) will be running a morning summer camp for special needs children ages 10 to 15 at the Princeton Recreation Department during the week of August 7-11.

The camp will run from 8:45 a.m. to noon and is open to residents of Princeton Borough and Princeton Township, as well as children enrolled in a PSS program as of March 15. Camp fee is \$75.00. Full and reduced fee scholarships are available.

For more information and registration forms, please go to [www.princetonpecialsports.com](http://www.princetonpecialsports.com) or e-mail [specialsports@aol.com](mailto:specialsports@aol.com).

## Corner House Bike Race Set for June 3

The Corner House Foundation is sponsoring its first annual Corner House Grand Prix Bicycle race on June 3.

The event will take place on a 2.4 mile circuit on and around Poor Farm Road. There will be a 19.2 mile race for senior men (age 45+) starting at 8:00 a.m., followed by a 28.8 mile race for masters men (35+), and a 43.2 mile race for pro men. There will be cash prizes awarded to the winners of the races with the

riders required to have USCF certification.

The pre-registration fee for the first two races is \$25.00 while the fee for the third race is \$27.00. Pre-registration ends on June 1.

There is registration available on race day starting at 7:00 a.m. which will include an additional \$5.00 fee. Registration will take place at the offices of Mason, Griffin, and Pierson at 100 Poor Farm Road. For further information, please contact Tom Pinneo at (609) 921-9446 or at [tom@pinneoconstruction.com](mailto:tom@pinneoconstruction.com).

All proceeds from the race will benefit the Corner House Counseling Center which helps Princeton-area young people and their families deal with substance abuse and other emotional issues.

## Princeton Little League Recent Results

In action last Wednesday in the Princeton Little League majors division, the Mmarketishuge.com Red Sox defeated Ashley Furniture Homestore Mets 9-8. The Red Sox overcame a 5-1 deficit and a furious Met rally to hang on for a 9-8 victory. Michael Irving starred for the Red Sox with a three-run homer to fuel the comeback. Asaf Davidov pitched a scoreless inning to earn a hold while Irving picked up the save in relief. Clay Censits had a double and a triple to knock in three runs for the Red Sox while Alex Snyder chipped in two hits and a run.

In a game on Saturday, the Corporate Synergies Phillies beat the Sidetrax, Inc. Yankees 9-4. Alex Kim went 3-for-3 and scored two runs to pace the Phillies. Ian Finner and Alex Bauman handled the pitching duties in the win. In other action Saturday, the Mmarketishuge.com Red Sox edged the University Radiology White Sox 5-4 as Tim Vasseur raced around the bases to beat the tag at the plate for the winning run.

Last Sunday, the Corporate Synergies Phillies beat the Sidetrax, Inc. Yankees 14-6. Jesse Schnurman went 2-for-2 in the win with Alex Kim and Phil Babbitt starring on the mound.

## PHS Football Booster Golf Outing May 31

The Princeton High football program is holding its second annual team booster golf outing on May 31 at the Princeton Country Club on Wheeler Way.

The event features a shotgun start at 10:00 a.m. with prizes awarded for low gross, longest drive, straightest drive, and nearest to the pin on par threes. There will also be raffle prizes.

The fee is \$150.00 per player and includes carts, lunch, and dinner. The fee for dinner only is \$60.00. Businesses or individuals can fund sponsorships. Gold sponsors available for \$1,000.00 which include four players and sponsor recognition; silver sponsors are \$500.00 and include two players and sponsor recognition; with tee sponsors available for \$175.00.

Money raised from the event will be used to purchase needed equipment for the PHS football program and help players participate in summer camps.

For more information, contact Tom Fisher by phone at (609) 655-2126 or (609) 734-7046 or via e-mail at [fisher@pbworld.com](mailto:fisher@pbworld.com).



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# OBITUARIES



**Mary Ritts**

Mary Ritts, 95, of Pasadena, Calif., formerly of Princeton, died May 14 at a retirement community in Pasadena, where she had lived since moving from Princeton in 1998.

She was an artist, musician, and familiar television personality. She was featured throughout the 1950s, '60s, and '70s.

After graduating from the hosts of *Family*, a daily, live Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, she became a fashion

illustrator for Bonwit Teller, John Wanamaker, and Stetson Hats. Her work appeared frequently in *Vogue* and *Harper's Bazaar*. She also played organ and piano on a series of radio programs in Philadelphia and Dallas in the 1940s.

In the early 1950s, she and her husband, Paul, created *The Ritts Puppets* for *In the Park*, a weekly CBS television series. The puppets became frequent guests on *The Ed Sullivan*, *Johnny Carson*, *Merv Griffin*, *Dinah Shore*, *Jimmy Dean*, and *Mike Douglas Shows*. The Rittses were the hosts of NBC's top-rated Saturday morning series, *The Pink Panther Show*, and also starred in two CBS children's specials, *Albert the Magnificent* and *The Great Silence*. The couple's one-hour NBC special, *For the Love of Fred*, won Christopher and Gabriel Awards and was seen around the world in many foreign language versions. It was shot on location in Princeton and Lawrenceville and featured local residents in cameo roles.

The Ritts Puppets appeared with Jerry Lewis in his motion picture *The Errand Boy*. They were also featured performers on NBC's science series for young people, *Exploring*, and *Me Too*, a daily program for pre-schoolers. Paul and Mary Ritts were the on-camera co-

satirical puppet vignettes, and live music played by Mrs. Ritts on piano, organ, and celeste. The couple's original children's songs were made into a Columbia record album, *Let's Have a Puppet Show*. An accomplished singer, Mrs. Ritts sang hundreds of songs on television with such accompanists as Lionel Hampton, Skitch Henderson, Mort Lindsey, and *The Tonight Show Orchestra*.

She was also a successful portrait painter. Her commissioned works won awards in national juried art shows, and she frequently sketched guests, live, on the *Family* television series. In her later years, she continued to paint and lectured on subjects like portraiture, decoupage, make-up, and "slaying young." After her husband's death in 1980, she established the Paul Ritts Memorial Scholarship Fund for the Greater Princeton Youth Orchestra.

She is survived by a son, Mark, of La Canada, California; and three grandchildren.

## Robert N. Dunn

Robert N. Dunn, M.D., 63, of Princeton, died May 21 at University Hospital at Stony Brook, in Stony Brook, N.Y.

Born in Orange, he graduated from The Choate School, Harvard University, and the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University, where he received his M.D.

He started his Internship at Mixed Surgical, The Roosevelt Hospital, New York City. He was Resident of General Surgery, The Roosevelt Hospital; and Chief Resident and Senior Annie C. Kane Fellow, Orthopaedic Surgery, The New York Orthopaedic Hospital, Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center, New York.

He was a Visiting Clinical Fellow, Instructor, Associate, and Assistant Clinical Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University.

He was appointed Attending Orthopaedic Surgeon, and later chairman of Orthopaedic Surgery at The Medical Center at Princeton from 1991 to 2002.

He was licensed as a physician in New York, Florida, New Jersey, South Carolina, and Maine. He was also certified with the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery.

With R.J. Wineski, he was the author of *The Role of Fusion in Lumbar Disc Disease* seminars in spine surgery.

He was a member of many Societies: National Board of Medical Examiners, New Jersey Medical Society, Mercer County Medical Society, New Jersey Orthopaedic Society, American College of Surgeons, American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgery, Aerospace Medical Society, Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, Peer Review Organization of New Jersey, the Norms, Standards & Criteria Committee of the Peer Review Organization of New Jersey, Board of Trustees of Area VII PSRO, and Board of Trustees of Sports Medicine Society of New Jersey.

He was a senior aviation medical examiner and aircraft accident examiner for the FAA. He was also a pilot who held air transport and licenses in both multi and single engine planes. He had more than 5,000 hours operating single engine sea planes to twin Turbo Prop King air-planes.

The son of the late George W. and Anne Dunn, he is survived by his wife, Anna-Lena J. Dunn; a son, George of Boston, Mass.; and a sister, Barbara Parker of Richmond, Va.

Visitation will be today, May 24 from 7 to 9 p.m. at The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home, 40 Vandeventer Avenue, Princeton. The funeral service will be Thursday, May 25 at 1:30 p.m. at Princeton University Chapel.

Burial will be in Rangeley Cemetery, Rangeley, Maine.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Rangeley Regional Health Center, P.O. Box 722, Rangeley, Maine 04970.

## Margaret Marcino

Margaret Marcino, 83, of Princeton, formerly of Cranford, died May 16 at Acom Glen in Princeton.

Born in Elizabeth, she was a Cranford resident for 45 years.

She was a registered nurse who received her nursing degree from Elizabeth General Hospital.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Karol (Charlie) Marcino; three daughters, Megan Eagen of Princeton, Nora M. Long of New Market, N.H., and Carol M. Smith of Toms River; a son, Charles of Sparta; two sisters, Betty Sherrier of Rahway and Rose Henry of Linden; two brothers, Robert Mitchell of San Pedro, Calif., and Joseph Mitchell of Colonia, N.J.; and 13 grandchildren.

A mass of Christian Burial was celebrated May 18 at the Church of St. Ann in Garwood, N.J. Entombment was in St. Gertrude's Cemetery in Colonia.

Arrangements were by The Kimble Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph's Shrine Sterling, N.J.; or to Princeton Hospice, 208 Bunn Drive, Princeton 08540.

## Thomas C. Perks Sr.

Thomas C. Perks Sr., 96, of Princeton, died May 18 at home.

Born in Gloucester County, the son of Gertrude Salzman and Henry Perks, he spent his younger years in Venice, Calif. with his mother and two brothers, Henry Jr. (Harry) and Carl. In his mid-teens he moved to Princeton to learn the mason trade from his grandfather, Charles Salzman, and uncles Albert and Bill Salzman.

In 1932 he married the former Helen Parriski of Montgomery Township.

He was the founder of Thomas C. Perks, Inc., mason and tile contractors, staying with his business until his retirement in the early '70s, when he was succeeded by his two sons.

Predeceased in 1988 by his son Tom Jr., and in 1989 by his wife, Helen, he is survived by a son, Larry of Princeton; a friend, Mary Pelc of Princeton; four grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

Calling hours will be Wednesday, May 24 from 9 to 11 a.m. at The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home, 40 Vandeventer Avenue.

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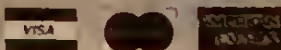




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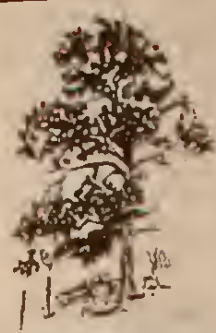
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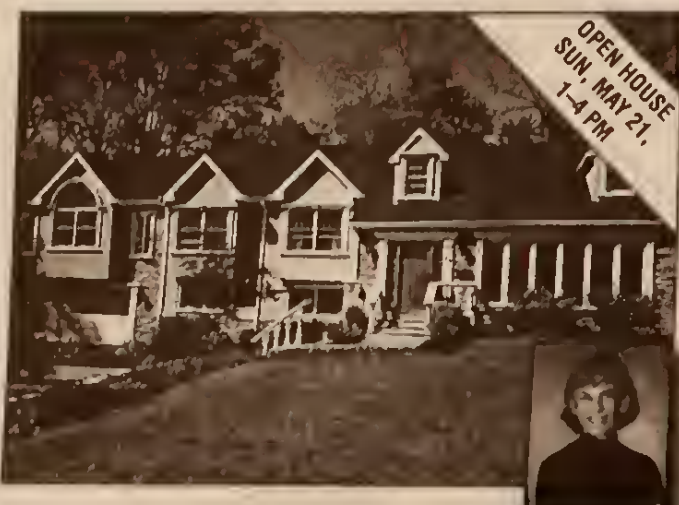
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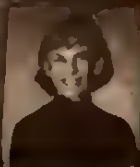
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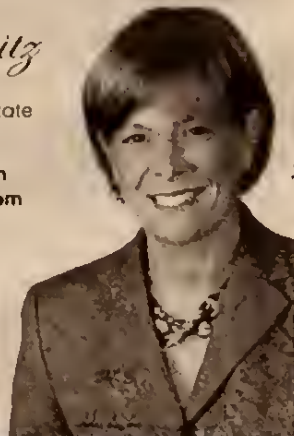
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